

CAMP HISTORY DAY DAILY BULLETIN

Mr. History Goes North to Test Value of Minnesota History Day Collectibles

Onamia, MN- Determined to make sure that Minnesota History Day maintains its tradition of having the best trade goods at the National competition, Mr. History and crack History Day staffer Hanneman ventured North to the Mecca of Minnesota's barter economy: the Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post. For hundreds of years, fur traders and artisans have gathered on the shores of Lake Mille Lacs to trade their wares.

The crafty staffers stepped boldly through the screen door of the Trading Post, steeling themselves for the negotiations to come. Hanneman was quickly distracted by the shiny beads on the wall and the colorful rock candy on the counter. Mr. History had to intervene as Hanneman was about to give up his entire allotment of coveted trade goods for sugar on a stick.



Mr. History chose the Indian Trading Post as the proving grounds



Even veteran Trading Post employee Savannah couldn't resist the allure of the Minnesota History Day class ring

At this time, Trading Post employee Savannah stepped up to the counter and sized up her potential trading partners. She seemed disappointed when Mr. History started negotiations with an offer of the Idaho potato button. It seems the legendary chintziness of the plastic spud had become known in the Northwoods. Good faith was restored, however, when Mr. History bypassed his buttons and went straight for the class ring. Sunlight from the Trading Post windows gave the ring a dazzling brilliance that captivated the shrewd Savannah. She quickly offered up two of her finest muskrat pelts, thinking that it would be hard for Mr. History to take a pass on the velvety rodents.

Hanneman let out a squeal of delight because he knew that two muskrats were worth at least ten rock candy sticks. Fortunately, Mr. History has better taste in sugar than his novice sidekick. The deal wasn't sealed until Savannah threw in a pint of homemade maple syrup. The pair of staffers walked back to the car confident in the knowledge that Minnesota novelties will fetch a premium at the National contest. Hanneman is still trying to figure out how to get the maple syrup to crystallize on a stick.

CHOF Departs on Magical History Tour

By Mr. History

Staff writer Hanneman also contributed to this report

St. Paul- The fifteen History Day students from Christ's Household of Faith (CHOF) left St. Paul on Thursday for their overland journey to the National contest in College Park. In addition to the students, their fabulous yellow and blue coach is staffed by another seven teachers, parents, and roadies. Space on the CHOF Cruiser has been carefully allotted to each traveler. Teacher Dennis Bluhm uses a complex mathematical formula to determine the personal space and overhead storage allotment for each traveler. "We used to let the kids organize the seating, but the whole bus started to look like a hamster cage," said Bluhm. "The kids would all burrow into heaping mounds of duffle bags and snack wrappers. The only thing missing was an exercise wheel and a water bottle." Bluhm uses masking tape, Sharpie marker and a laser range finder to precisely mark each travelers "turf." Students who feel that their storage or personal space has been violated can bring their grievances to a special court of appeals at the front of the bus. The CHOF Appellate Court prefers mediation to settle disputes, although repeat violators may find their snack rations cut in half. More extreme punishments are reserved for students who drool on their seat-mates. Even a first-time offender may find their personal music player confiscated. CHOF student Zane Sacarelos feels that even this punishment lets people off easy. "James Bluhm has been slobbering on me for years," he complained, "and nobody has found a way to turn off the waterworks. I mean, can't they just wrap a towel around that kids head or something?" The departure of the CHOF bus officially puts in motion the wheels of the elaborate Minnesota History Day travel plan. Precision planning ensures that the CHOF delegation will reunite with the rest of the Minnesota herd for lunch at Union Station on Saturday.



CHOF student Adam Rohlf surveys his storage allotment

Minnesota History Day to Implement Unprecedented Teacher Protection Plan

By Hanneman

St. Paul- In response to an alarming number of teachers getting lost or straying from the Minnesota delegation during the Washington, D.C. bus tour in recent years, Minnesota History Day officials on Thursday announced a dramatic new plan to stem the tide of teacher travel confusion. Calling the plan an "aggressive response" to a "baffling" problem, History Day staffers outlined the major elements of the plan. They include: more unique group t-shirts (e.g. colors other than white), increased surveillance and monitoring, and an elaborate early-warning lost teacher detection system. "I think we were all shocked at the growing number of lost-teacher cases," said Jessica Tarbox, History Day's travel guru. "I mean these teachers can get students to understand what a thesis statement is, but they can't figure out how to stay with a tour group of 100 people?" Senior History Day officials have confirmed information obtained by the Camp HD Bulletin that the problem appears to only affect White Bear Lake teachers. When asked about that report, History Day staffer Hanneman responded, "Go Bears!" Staffer Tarbox told reporters that extra surveillance has been ordered for White Bear teacher Mike Daniel.



Ask the Brit

Dear Brit,
Is it true that you've been to Nationals before? What should I expect of the first day?

- Nervous

Dear Nervous,

It will be brilliant. Despite the fact that you will be feeling knackered, as long as you use your loaf and keep your lugholes open you shouldn't end up getting lost (like a certain teacher last year) and looking like a complete plonker. It is important that you wear your blue t-shirt and stay with the party. You wouldn't want to miss your aeroplane.

On arrival in D.C. you will go to luggage reclaim where hopefully we won't experience the same bleeding botch up as last year when we had to wait for the luggage handlers to bung the suitcases out by hand. You should probably find a luggage trolley, so you don't have to carry your suitcase to the tour coach.

Expect to see some blinding sights on the tour and no winging about the heat...it's cold and wet in Blighty right now! Finally we will check in at the halls and get sorted. Remember what jammy beggers we are this year to be in air con. It'll be luvvy jubbly.

Ta-ra for now...The Brit.

Editor's note: The Camp History Day Bulletin is introducing a new feature this year: dueling columns. Back by popular demand is the "Ask Hanneman" column. Also back is the "Ask the Brit" column, which we are under contractual obligation to run. As always, send us your questions for one or both of the columnists to answer.

Ask Hanneman



Dear Hanneman,
I saw the Brit had some travel tips, but I couldn't understand them. Do you have any travel tips?

-English-Speaking Traveler

Dear EST,

Excellent question. First of all, let me say its great to be back at Nationals writing this column after missing last year because of the man.

Kudos to The Brit for taking care of business while I was gone. Despite the negative reviews, I think you did a great job, The Brit. Hang in there, and if you need any tips on things like spelling or using words Americans can understand, I'm here for you.

As for travel tips, I think there are a few key points to remember. First of all, lunchtime at Union Station is really a microcosm for life in America. The wide variety of eating options reflect the diversity of our great melting pot nation. Go USA! Go Bears! I highly recommend the food at any eatery where employees are shouting "Yummy Yummy, soo good" at customers.

When we get to the dorms after a long day of travel in the heat, we'll be very happy to be in the air-conditioned dorm, but your overall comfort will be greatly increased by putting **fitted** sheets on your bed.

-Hanneman

History Day Travel Poll:

What are your favorite things to see on the tour of D.C.?
42% - Lost teachers wandering aimlessly trying to rejoin the herd
34% - Staffers sweating through their polyester bowling shirts
23% - Hanneman trying to schmooze with anyone who looks like a congressman
11.5% - Kelly Rixon plotting to steal an Enigma machine from the Smithsonian
.5% - Monuments and other historic sites

Letters to the Editor

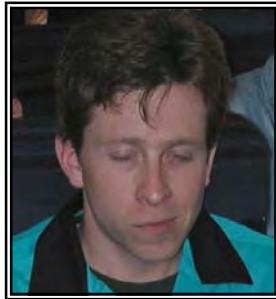
Do you want to respond to a CHDB story?
Was something we wrote factually inaccurate?
Did one of our puff pieces touch your heart?
Tell us about it. Drop off a letter with one of the HD staffers and we'll think about printing it. (We reserve the right to dramatically alter letters to present HD staffers and the CHDB in the best possible light)

Meet the History Day Staff

By Jesse "Junior" Atkins

Editor's note: Everyone who's anyone knows that it isn't taking first place, seeing all the sights, or winning the coveted room judging competition that makes for the most fulfilling and enlightening National History Day experience... it's the staff. In order for you to be able to tap into these sources of wisdom, hilarity, and guidance on the path to righteousness, we at the Camp History Day Bulletin bring you a new daily feature, "Meet the History Day Staff."

Brad Jarvis



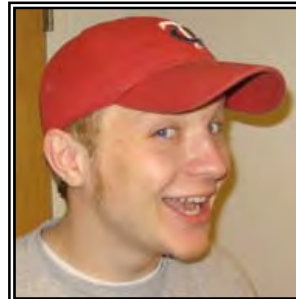
Nickname: Mr. Brad Jarvis

Why that Name?

"Well, the way I see it, 'Brad Jarvis' says 'McDonald's Nightshift Manager,' but 'Mr. Brad Jarvis [Jay-vis]' says 'International Man of Mystery,' or at least 'Bennigan's Daytime Manager.'"

This Guy's Take on Mr. Brad Jarvis:

Brad Jarvis, MHD's resident research paper expert, is a bit of an unknown to many in the History Day world. Working quietly in the shadows of the Social Sciences building at the U, he is rarely seen. Because of this, he has been mistaken for a student, a parent, a little brother, a teacher, and once, Hanneman (which led to a pretty awkward and uncomfortable situation). Mr. Jarvis is currently a PhD candidate at the University of Minnesota working in the History Dept., but as anyone will tell you, Brad's real reason for getting up in the morning is his role with Minnesota History Day. "Minnesota's History Day program would fall apart if it weren't for me. You remember the CHOF crisis in '98, when we almost lost that school to Destination Imagination? I went in and took care of all the hostile negotiations... I saved History Day. I just love being able to fall asleep at night knowing that this world is a better place because of me."



Dan Ott

Nickname: Ott

Why that Name?

"You know, it's funny, I can't remember where I got that name. I think it might be an acronym or something."

This Guy's Take on Ott:

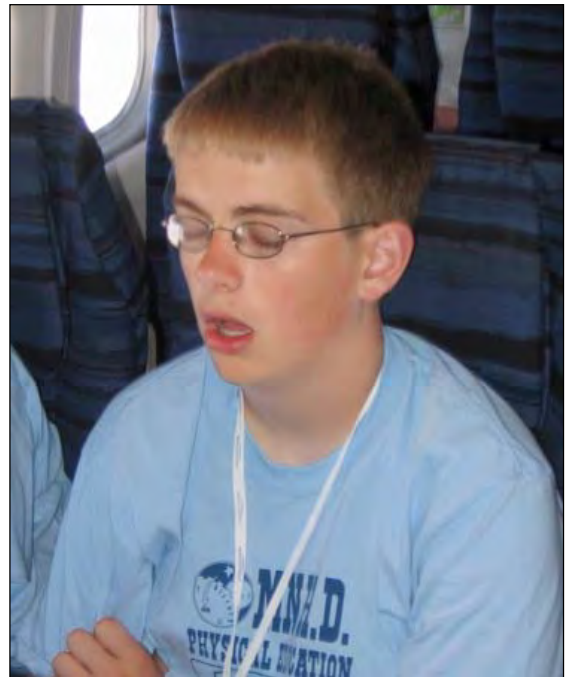
Dan Ott first got involved in History Day as a student, where his rare combination of expert exhibit construction and mastery of the written word led him all the way down the path to Nationals. Mr. History looks back fondly on his time spent mentoring Dan: "He was so full of promise. He was my Padawan learner, and I his Jedi Master. He was the Anakin to my Obi-Wan. Strong in this one, the force was." But as happens all too often with the chosen ones, Ott's shortcomings led him down a dark path. "He went to Nationals twice, placing 5th and 7th_a fantastic showing for any History Day student. But Ott would take nothing but first. His pain quickly spun out of control. Pain leads to anger, anger leads to hate, hate leads to suffering, suffering... to the Dark Side." Ott's obsession with winning at National History Day is his sole reason for being on this adventure. He now lives vicariously through the Minnesota students competing at NHD, hoping for a win that he can, with no justification whatsoever, call his own. So if you see Ott, tell him he's a winner in your eyes, even if you have to lie.

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Minnesota History Day Lands in Washington!

College Park, MD - In what has become a tradition, dozens of bleary-eyed History Day students, parents, teachers, and staffers converged on Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport in order to depart for the annual National History Day competition. Missing from this year's contingent, however, was History Day staffer Anja Witek who either overslept or missed her ride to the airport (our reporters have been unable to confirm either story). She eventually made it to Washington – in her Portuguese pajamas - on a later flight. As punishment, Mr. History made her drag her baggage all around the FDR Memorial.

In a related story, Emma Ryan (better known to you readers as “The Brit”) was detained for questioning by Transit Authority officers. When asked the reason for detaining Ryan, a Transit Authority representative responded that “she was a foreigner who talked funny” and posed a potential threat to national security. Former Ryan student Caitlin Loehr agreed, saying, “I can’t blame them for stopping her. Her lesson on the Revolutionary War always seemed to have some anti-American bias to me.” Ryan eventually was allowed back on to her flight and rejoined the Minnesota crew in Union Station.



Lake Harriet student Erik Anderson was one of many Minnesotans who required a nap during the day of taxing travel.

For the remainder of the Minnesota delegation, the early morning hour and the flights delayed in order to fix toilet seats and duct tape wings together combined to take their toll. Minnesota representatives found themselves napping whenever they could. All found themselves at the mercy of History Day cameras! The riders of Mr. History's bus found it difficult to sleep, however, when they learned their driver was the same man who had also crashed an airplane on three separate occasions.

Once in Washington the Minnesota delegation enjoyed visiting the Franklin Roosevelt Monument, the Jefferson Monument, the White House, and Lafayette Park (where some crazy guy evidently murdered a man once and then lost a leg in a battle in some wheat field but visited it frequently in the hospital... or something like that. It was Art's story). The group was reunited on the North side of the White House, only to be separated again on the South side by aggressive bicycle cops. Madeline Schmidt, a student from Sunrise Park (Go Bears!) remarked that the officers were “just trying to hold the man down.” The day was still enjoyable, if exhausting, and the Minnesota delegation looks forward to an exciting 2005 National History Day competition!

Many Minnesotans Mystified by “Name in the Box” T-Shirt

By Mr. History

Somewhere Over Michigan- History Day staff were hopeful the new History Day Physical Education T-Shirts would finally solve the problem of identifying members of the Minnesota delegation. The shirts were cleverly designed with a box that in most cultures means, “Put your name here!!” It is unclear whether there was an unexpected Sharpie marker shortage in the state, or whether a large number of the Minnesota travelers just skipped gym class during junior high. Some feeble attempts were made to correct the nameless shirts at the airport, but the inevitable “bleed-through” of the permanent markers was creating interesting tattoos on the midsection. However, staffer Mollie Igo astutely observed that this would make it easier to identify Minnesota people at the pool. In the end Mr. History reverted to the traditional lanyard and nametag approach to passenger identification and is already preparing improved instructions for next year.

Fortunately, there were a number of notable exceptions to this History Day fashion faux pas. The entire delegation from Fergus Falls Middle School received a special commendation from the staff for their expertly positioned iron-on transfer lettering. Kudos also go to Sydney Gehrking and her entourage from Chatfield for their embroidery work. History Day staffers speculated that schools in out-state Minnesota take their physical education shirtwear seriously. The truth is that Keely, Lydia and Allie are obsessed with Napoleon Dynamite. “When we saw the History Day PE shirts, we thought they were flippin’ sweet,” said Allie, “But I hated how the kids in the movie just scribbled out their names. Our shirts have the coolest lettering ever!”



Fergus Falls students Lydia, Allie and Keely show off their customized PE shirts while Katie and Rachel of Minneapolis Southwest have shirts that remain nameless



Magic Missing from NW Airlines Snack Boxes

By Mr. Brad Jarvis

Somewhere Over Ohio – Despite high expectations, History Day fliers found the much-anticipated Northwest Airlines Snack Boxes™ to be lacking. “I was all excited about the summer sausage stick,” noted Beck Ringdahl-Mayland. “It said right on the package ‘Taste the Magic.’ There was no magic. No magic at all. Maybe they should have left the MSG in.” A quick search for the “magic” in the ingredients list proved to be in vain as the package directed consumers to write the O’Brien’s company in Bellevue, NE for nutritional information. Despite positive remarks for the inclusion of Oreos and a wetnap (I was even fortunate enough to receive two knives), others also found fault with the Snack Box™. Mr. History remarked that “despite what you might think, eating Gold Fish at 30,000 feet really isn’t all that special.” Hanneman criticized the “President” cheese package, with two smiling youth on the logo, for its right-wing conspiratorial lack of diversity. But I believe Mr. Ringdahl-Mayland perhaps summed up everyone’s thoughts best. “I just wanted my dang magic. There was no magic!”



Ask the Brit

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Dear Brit,
That Hanneman took a cheap shot at the British. I hope that hasn't tainted your opinion of America.
- Python Fan

Dear Python Fan,
Here are the top ten things that the British love about Americans.

- 10.) Hmmmmmmmm?
- 9.) Hang on a tic...
- 8.) Now let me see...
- 7.) There must be something...
- 6.) O.k. here we go...I think I have something
- 5.) You take care of covering the Revolutionary War in the textbooks, so we don't have to.
- 4.) You used red, white and blue for your flag. Imitation **is** the sincerest form of flattery
- 3.) You prefer British comedy to your own.
- 2.) You like our accent...and the number one thing that the British love about America is...
- 1.) Your president only serves two terms.

-The Brit

Ask Hanneman



Dear Hanneman,
I saw you took a shot at the Brit in yesterday's column. What's the deal with that? Say something nice to the Brit.
- Python Fan

- Dear Python Fan,
- Yeah, I ripped the Brit a little bit. Maybe it's envy, or maybe its xenophobia, I don't know. To make it up to the Brit, here's the top 7 things to love about the Brits.
- 7.) Their comedy shows provide useful filler for public television in America.
 - 6.) Think of a funny-looking hat and it probably came from Britain.
 - 5.) Endless entertainment listening to Shakespeare's countrymen butcher the English language.
 - 4.) No one else is willing to be our foreign policy lapdog.
 - 3.) Royal family gossip provides useful filler for the Enquirer.
 - 2.) Bangers and mash- I don't know what it is, but it sounds like a good blue-collar meal.
 - 1.) We've never lost to them in a war.

-Hanneman

History Day Button Poll:

What are the qualities of a really good History Day trading button?

- 39%- A high level of bling (ie. blinking lights)
- 27%- Hotness of button trading dude/gal
- 24%- Liberal use of antlered animals
- 14%- Not from Wisconsin
- 3%- Can fetch at least 10 rock candy sticks in trade

Adventures With Anja

Time to kill before your judging? Need some luck from the nose of a terrapin or friendly farm animal? Sign up for Adventures with Anja! This History Day alum will show you the ins and outs of the U of M campus that no HD scholar should miss, complete with great stories from 7 years of National contests. Sign up for the tour of your choice at the Sunday meeting.

Letters to the Editor

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By Jesse "Junior" Atkins

Anja Witek



Nickname:
Connecticut

Why that Name?

"What? Huh? Oh, hold on, that's my phone... I've gotta take this..."

This Guy's Take on Connecticut:

Anja's story all starts on a small island in the South Pacific. Many people know that she has spent time in all regions of the world, becoming not just than a citizen of the place in which she resides, but a "world citizen," but most people don't know that Anja was actually born in an uncharted and otherwise unknown island between Guam and Indonesia. Dr. Jonas McDanielson, world-renowned cartographer and regular contributor to National Geographic's ongoing series, "Find that Island," has searched long and hard to find the chain from which Anja claims to hail with no success. "Yeah, it doesn't exist. There's no gettin' around that." Adds History Day's James Hanneman, "Isn't she from Holland?" No matter where she's from, Anja's abilities are undeniable. "Little known fact," recounts Jessica Tarbox, "is that Anja once made 30-minute brownies in 15 minutes." "Don't forget," interjects Theresa Heath, "that she did it while talking on her cell phone. She truly is an amazing woman." Minnesota History Day truly is a better institution for having Ms. Witek as a part of it, not only for her gifts of cell phone banter and scrumptious confection concoction, but for her knowledge of the inner-workings of the College Park campus, information that will be vital to the success of the week's secret missions.



Jessica Tarbox

Nickname:
"My boyfriend is an executive chef" (Okay, so its not exactly a "nickname", but...)

Why that Name?

"Well he is! He is an executive chef! Is *your* boyfriend an executive chef?!?! Huh? *Is he?*"

This Guy's Take on the Exec's girlfriend:

All too often overshadowed by her boyfriend's successes, Jessica's laurels are not to be overlooked. A former History Day student herself, Jessica now brings her expertise in the areas of performance, punctuationality, and grammaticismability to work with her everyday. But don't tell her it's work. "Oh, no, I could never call this work," says Jessica. "I would do this even if it weren't my day job! In fact, I am thinking of asking Mr. History to just stop paying me altogether—the real reward of this job is the smile on a child's face." When she's not helping make the History Day world a better place to live, Jessica can be regularly seen at the *Electric Banana* revolutionizing and rerevolutionizing the Twin Cities' Slam Poetry scene. While she lists such icons as Rasheed "Sheed" Wallace, Gene Wilder, and John Tesh as her early influences, the real inspiration for Jessica's "flow" (as those in the business call it) is the hard-knock environment in which she was raised. "Have you driven the strip in Maple Grove?" asks Dan Ott. "That's enough to harden anyone. It's a miracle that girl didn't end up straight gangsta or worse, a History Day staffer..." Yes Dan. Miracle indeed.

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Anticipation builds as Competition Nears

By Mr. History

College Park, MD - The Minnesota delegation to National History Day settled into the cool confines of LaPlata Dorm on Saturday night as they went to sleep with visions of the tourist challenges that would await them on their first full day in the nation's capital. The newly-formed CHOF Tour Company recruited additional passengers for their annual excursion to the Atlantic Ocean. "With diesel selling at \$3.00 a gallon, we have to increase our revenue streams," commented tour coordinator Dennis Simonson, "Right now I think we have enough gas money to make it back to Madison, but I'm not going to guarantee anything beyond Wisconsin Dells unless I can find a few more people who have never seen the ocean." More traditional plans included early departures from campus to secure tickets to the Holocaust Museum or take a magical ride on the Tourmobile.



Despite last-minute technical problems, Adriane Otopalik is confident her project will be ready

However, for some Minnesotans, Sunday at History Day was about more than sunburns, saltwater, and sore feet. The sense of dread that comes with knowing that your presentation still needs work weighed heavily on the minds of a number of young scholars. The Newsboy girls had yet to finalize their ending. Amber and Aaron missed the Opportunity to finish their play last week and now found themselves in a Crisis that could only be solved through staff intervention. Adriane Otopalik was still exploring the mysteries of audio synchronization for her documentary, while Clayton Aldern prepared to present his newly-revised, "Edward R. Murrow" one-man show. Exhibit designers Thomas McCullough and Sarah Abdelwahab turned their dorm rooms into construction zones as they made final preparations for Judgement Day.

The staff is confident that all will be in order by the time that Junior Division begins on Monday. Jessica Tarbox summed up the staff consensus when she opined that, "Somehow these kids pulled off these projects at state, so there's no reason to believe they won't do it again here."

Life Beyond the Mall

A Reflective Essay by Charlie Campbell, Mike Daniel and Dan Ott

Editor's note: We have decided to run this essay in its entirety without editing any of the spelling or grammatical errors. Keep in mind that Mike Daniel is an English teacher. Go Bears, I guess...

As most MNHD delegates spent Sunday perusing the Smithsonian museums on the Capitol Mall, one brave duo ventured out into the wild unknown of Washington, D.C. This tired duo of brains and brawn excitedly added one quick addition, which made them a trio, adopted the Australian skin cancer prevention model of "Slip, slap, slop" (slip into a T-shirt, slap on a hat and slop on the sunscreen) and joined 36,000 other Washingtonians for a D.C. Nationals baseball game at the RFK stadium. Essay cont. on pg. 2

An Interview with Mr. History Special to the Camp History Day Bulletin by the Jayson Blair Fan Club

Considering the fact that Mr. History is always working so hard for the Youth of America, it was a pleasant surprise for this intrepid band of reporters to arrange an interview with him. What follows are excerpts from that interview.

Q: What do you think of this year's History Day parents?

A: I'm glad you asked that question. This year's crop is really an extraordinary group, especially the moms.

Q: What motivates you to take on this gargantuan task year after year?

A: It's the chance to wear this wonderful hat in public. No one that I know of sees it when I wear it in the shower. Well, except for maybe those with shower privileges, but that's it! And I also love history.

Q: Not to push your buttons, but how do you select the important button design every year?

A: The designs are submitted at the local level, then the best designs advance to the regionals, and finally the three finalists are announced at the State competition. We have a really complex, double-secret, run-off system that I really can't discuss here, but each year a button that does not win in its run DOES advance to the state competition.

Q: If you could interview any three historical figures, who would you choose?

A: Well, first I'd have to go with Carmen Miranda, the one with the fruit and the big bananas on her hat. Then maybe Dear Abby, just for the advice, and then finally Charlie Chaplin... because he's a man of few words.



These three apparently had fun

Essay from pg. 1

As the Muskateer-like trio walked side-by-side to the gates of the Metro station a loud shout was heard by all, "Robbed!" Junior pouted as "Ott"o-matic quickly decided that a venture to RFK would outdo any average sub-par tourist trapping, FBI, CIA, Smithsonian adventure to the Washington mall. Jarvis quickly objected to Junior's pleas and decreed that "Ott" O-matic should be allowed to go, so that the History Day staff could absorb DC baseball vicariously through him! Jarvis looked dejected and said "I would be there in a History Day heart beat but Mr. History has put such a difficult demand on me that going may jeopardize the objective of the Minnesota History Day week: button trading!"

The trio adeptly navigated the complex Metro transit system and emerged from the depths of the earth to find themselves at the gates of the ever aging RFK stadium.

Sadly, they were denied the fielding of home state favorite Christian Guuuuuuzman..... but instead found themselves in a midst of a pounding frenzy. Complete with one triple, several doubles, a big shot, and a couple bags of peanuts. And there was no shame for the home team in this one as the Nationals beat the Seattle Mariners 3-2.

Submitted by D.C.Russian cab drivers
Pikopf and Dropov



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Dear Brit,

What are bangers and mash?

- **Charlie Campbell (2005 Teacher of Merit)**

Dear Charlie,

First of all, may I congratulate you on your award. It is a pleasure to pass on the crown. To answer your question bangers and mash hail from Blighty where food is home cooked and never fast. Bangers are sausages, and mash is mashed potatoes. Traditionally bangers and mash are served to young scallywags for tea before their fathers return from the mines. Other teatime delicacies include fish fingers and beans, macaroni and cheese (home cooked not yellow coloured stuff out of a box,) or toad in the hole. Other favourites might be cottage pie or shepherd's pie both made with left over meat and topped with mash; the cottage pie made with left over minced beef and shepherd's pie being made with left over minced lamb.



Ask Hanneman

Dear Hanneman,

I hear you're an experienced cafeteria food critic. What do you think of the cafeteria food here at the University of Maryland? And how about that rubbish the British eat? Pies made out of meat?!

- **Julia Child**

Dear JC,

You're right. I had the Cal Ripkin, Iron-man streak of eating hot lunch in school. I had school hot lunch every day from my first day of first grade until graduation day. I know good cafeteria food when I taste it, and the University of Maryland has some of the best cafeteria food I've ever tasted. The variety, quality and blue-collaredness of the meals are unmatched.

The British have no tastebuds. It's a genetic mutation.

-Hanneman

The Rice Sports Report

By the Rices

On Saturday, the Minnesota Twins beat the LA Dodgers 5-3. Silva got the win, Nathan the save, and that British Columbian Bomber Justin Morneau had 4 RBIs. Reportedly, Carlos Silva looks kind of funny trying to bat.

On Sunday, the L.A. Dodgers barely defeated the Twins, 4-3. Twins pitcher Brad Radke now leads the American League...in home runs surrendered.

History Day Contests!

Show off your History Day Skills by participating in these contests:

-Best History Day Artifact: the most interesting artifact that would help describe your NHD experience.

-Best History Day Archivist: create a scrapbook page of your Nationals adventures.

Entries should be submitted to 3122 by 5pm Wednesday. Prizes to be announced.

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Mollie Igo



Nickname:
Minnetonka

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“I don’t really know. One day, when I pulled up in Daddy’s RangeRover, sipping a Frappuccino, they just started calling me that. But I don’t mind it—it *is* a really nice place to live, if you can’t afford North Oaks.”

This Guy’s Take on Minnetonka:

If there were a glue that held Minnesota History Day together, Mollie Igo would without a doubt be it. She would be the one with the solution to every unsolvable problem, the answer to every unanswerable question, the peanut butter to History Day’s jelly. But sadly, there isn’t a glue that holds MNHD together, so she isn’t. But don’t tell her that because she won’t believe you, as evidenced by her recent counter to a timeless Hanneman insult, “*Reeeally?!?! Well, I’m glue and you’re rubber, er...*” While she isn’t as adhesive as she may wish she were, Mollie does have one area in life in which her expertise has no equal: musical taste. Talking to Mollie about your taste in music is a risky proposition—it brings certain ridicule and nose-snubbing. However, this risk is dwarfed by the danger associated with questioning Mollie’s taste in music—the consequences are a thing no one has ever lived to tell of. There are, however, a few ways you can avoid confrontation: first, start off by mentioning such musical greats as Howie Day, Ryan Adams, and Ryan’s older—and better looking—brother, Bryan; second, tell her she looks nice today (which she undoubtedly does); and third (and most importantly), tell her you play bass. Follow these simple little steps, and you’re in like Flynn. Oh, and while you’re talking to her, ask her to run for you. And bring your camera. You won’t regret it.



Warren Kaari

Nickname:
Kaari

Why that Name?

“Well, I suppose because it’s my last name. Come to think of it, people don’t really call me that. They call me Warren. They call me that because it’s my first name.”

This Guy’s Take on:

If it weren’t for Warren, MNHD would be devoid of vital traits like wisdom, expert knowledge of History Day running trails, and the best parking spots for the van. He has been coming to National History Day for the past three years, each time finding something new about it to love. “Last year,” recounts Warren, “I found out that if you take that little red keycard that lets you in the doors over to the dining hall, they’ll give you free food. This year, I decided that my favorite thing about National History Day is that it’s not in Minnesota.” Warren takes the van to Nationals, not because he doesn’t like to fly, but because it gives him time to stop and marvel at the sights along the way. He loves it so much, that he occasionally strays a little off course. “Driving through the Rockies was incredible... even if I did lose the nest egg in Vegas. ”Warren’s son, Tim, a teacher at Harry Davis Academy, is getting worried. “Yeah, he came up to me and told me he would need to borrow money for gas next year. I know that gas prices are up, but I thought \$17,000 was a little excessive.” “Oh, I knew we’d reach this point,” warns Mr. History. “He’s finally gonna do it -- instead of going east he’s going to fulfill his dream of finding the legendary westward passage to College Park.” So if you think of any goods you would like from China, the Ukraine, or Jersey, you have roughly 363 days to put in your request.

CAMP HISTORY DAY DAILY BULLETIN

Newsboy Performers Incite Strike Against Camp History Day Daily Bulletin

Surly Youth Threaten to Shut Down Staff Propaganda Machine

By **Tim Hoogland**

College Park – The free flow of information at National History Day encountered a formidable roadblock on Monday as Molly Hensley-Clancy, Brenna Kruse, Laurel Starr and Rachel Svanoë initiated an

unexpected strike against the distribution of the Camp History Day Daily Bulletin. This “Gang of Four” has spent months studying the New York Newsboy strike of 1899 and, for reasons yet to be explained, decided that the CHDDDB was a tool of capitalist exploitation. The editorial staff was puzzled by this accusation as the Bulletin is distributed free of charge and no child labor is used in the printing or delivery of the most reliable news source found in La Plata Hall. Strike ringleader, Laurel Starr, clarified the position of the strikers in a manifesto delivered to the paper’s third floor headquarters. “This strike is not about money,” she proclaimed, “The key to understanding our actions rests in the inability of the CHDDDB to follow even the simplest elements of journalistic responsibility. We have now communicated our intention to turn the CHDDDB into an autonomous publishing collective that will better serve the dorm dwelling masses.”



Newsie Girls Brenna, Rachel, Molly and Laurel ground production of the CHDDDB to a halt.

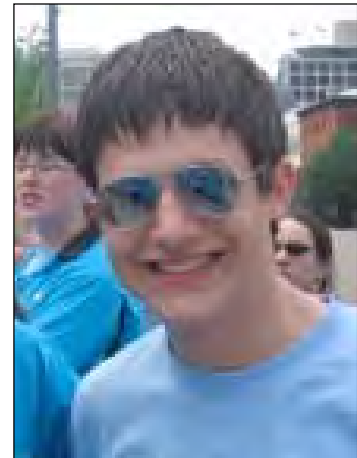
In order to preserve their stranglehold on all forms of news media in the dorms, the publishers of the Bulletin developed several strategies to break the resolve of their youthful antagonists. “I don’t care if they are neo-socialist rabble rousers,” said Mr. History, “every kid has two weaknesses. First, they all like to get their picture in the paper. Second, History Day kids will never turn down the chance to get paid for showing off their project after the contest. I bet if I put their smiling faces on the front page and promised them twenty-five bucks for performing at a teacher workshop this strike would collapse like a house of cards.”

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Guest Column

By Jay Bluhm

National History Day has been awesome for me thus far. I've had a great time with my H-Day group, and touring DC has been a blast. But there is one thing that would really top off my whole experience... BEING THE MASKED BANANA. I think that in the past the masked banana has gotten a bad wrap. I can see past the excruciatingly yellow costume and possible heat stroke to the real meaning of the MB. He's a man of the people, for the people. He's a crowd pleaser, a spirit lifter, a real "go-getter", and I think I meet all of those standards. It takes a special breed, and I, Jay Bluhm, have that special breed in my blood. To illustrate my credentials, I thought I'd make a helpful list....



1. I come from a long line of history day scholars, so I've grown up idolizing masked fruit.
2. I exclusively wear fruit of the loom underwear.
3. I brought a brown jump suit that kind of looks like a bruised banana.
4. When I was a child, I went into the fruit drying business with my dad, and bananas were our fruit of choice.
5. I had a banana today.
6. But my favorite color is... banana
7. I can yell really loud and seem to excel whenever I wear costumes (maybe that was just Halloween '98).
8. When I was 7 I almost lost my thumbs... and then again at 8.
9. I like shiny things.
10. I plan on naming my first born child either Chiquita or Dole.

Your masked banana hopeful,

JJ

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This two-pronged approach was put in play with an initial overture to Rachel Svanoë. The union-busting consultants brought in by management recommended Svanoë as the potential weak link in the Newsboy/girl brain trust. Their reasoning was that after several months of playing Joseph Pulitzer, Svanoë was likely to have developed capitalist leanings. During a secret meeting in the dorm basement, Svanoë flipped faster than pancakes at Perkins. As she admired the page-proofs for this Extra Edition of the CHDDB, Svanoë was heard to remark, "You know there was only so much abuse that I could take from Mollie and Laurel. I don't care if it was written into the script, I just don't like it when people take my hat."

Now that it appeared that solidarity wouldn't be forever the other three girls realized the futility of maintaining the strike. "I guess we underestimated the power of the staff," said agitator Molly Hensley-Clancy, "especially since our strategy of sucking up to the Brit didn't pay off." Brenna Kruse agreed, saying, "The other thing we didn't count on was the staff chokehold on the button supply. Anytime we made a few converts to the movement, Mr. History would just buy them off with a few SPAM buttons and class rings. How can you fight that?" she queried as she fumbled through her button collection to see if she had the same pins as Mr. History's hat.

With the La Plata strike officially over the staff resumed publication of this Special Edition of the CHDDB. It is our hope that we will be able to provide an unbroken stream of insider information until the end of the competition, or the staff quits, whatever comes first.

CAMP HISTORY DAY DAILY BULLETIN

Minnesota Performance and Documentary Students Advance to Run-offs



Nick Herringer, Maddie Schmidt and Dan Holthus pose with Mr. History.

College Park, MD - The junior division run-off participants represented Minnesota with enthusiasm, skill and unmatched mojo during the second round of judging Tuesday.

The unruly “Newsboys” (see lead story, special edition), consisting of Molly Hensley-Clancy, Laurel Starr, Brenna Kruse and Rachel Svanoe, demonstrated the power of the little guy in their group performance in Hoff Theater. Staffer Theresa Heath wept openly at the poignancy of the David and Goliath story, commenting that the girls, despite their blatant disregard for the influential and informative Camp History Day Bulletin, inspired her to launch her own strike against evil Guatemalan newspaper magnates.

Clayton Aldern, resplendent in his three-piece suit, portrayed the integrity of early broadcast journalism in the form of Edward R. Murrow. He was calm, he was confident, he was demonstrative of the History Day performance power that is St. Francis Junior High. His teacher, Kathy Kolb, did not seem appropriately excited about Clayton’s advancement. She merely shrugged her shoulders and

commented that she may, in fact, have a massage scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The Sunrise Park contingent – Dan Holthus, Nick Herringer and Maddie Schmidt – wowed the run-off audience with their documentary on Martin Luther King and their clever apparel scheme of solid primary colors. Chills ran amuck down spines in the standing-room-only Banneker Room. Staffer James Hanneman and future History Day prodigy Joshua Nguyen said, “Go Bears.”

On Tuesday night, amongst a crowd of sweating, nervous History Day participants on the ground floor of the student union, the senior division run-off results were posted and Minnesota, as usual, represented well and sent three entries to the second round.

Pony-tailed documentarian Dustin McEvoy presented a relieved thumbs-up when he



Molly Hensley-Clancy, Rachel Svanoe, Laurel Starr, Brenna Kruse and Clayton Aldern give big smiles after finding out they were on their way to the finals for National History Day.



HD Staffer Jessica Tarbox and Senior Performer Amber McGuire give a big smile for the camera.

discovered that he would be presenting at noon Wednesday in the Union Margaret Brent Room. "I've been holding out on my truly innovative hairstyles so I would have something special in case I made run-offs," McEvoy said. "I will peruse my selection of hair accessories this evening. I don't want the judges to be turned off by a lack of hairstyle creativity."

DeLaSalle performers Amber McGuire and Aaron Beswick were ecstatic that their group performance on the Harlem Renaissance newspapers, *The Crisis* and *Opportunity*, was advancing to the Hoff Theater at noon Wednesday. Beswick said, "I'm really excited for..." before McGuire quickly cut in, "We weren't sure that we were going to make it, but we're really excited." Beswick tried again: "All that hard work..." before McGuire jumped in with, "We worked so hard, and I really like my leopard-print slippers."

Scheeler, made a magnificent showing and also are scheduled to perform in the second round, at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Hoff Theater. Scheeler commented that she was quite excited about their advancement, but was a little worried about Zane's commitment to the group. "He always seems to be disappearing at inopportune times," she said. "He goes sweeping off and comes back smelling a lot like bananas."

The other Minnesota group performers, CHOF students Zane Sacarelos, Azalea Fricke, Donald Bluhm and Dominique

Watch Your Head: Dodge Ball takes over the La Plata 3rd Floor Hallway!

College Park, MD - The first annual hallway Dodge Ball Tournament raged throughout the day yesterday. The limited number of players (because no one asked the staff to play) meant that only two teams of two players each actually played in the tournament.

"The answer is simple," commented Eli Kamin, representative of *Lake Harriet Federalists*. "No one else has the over-developed reflexes and muscles that we do." When asked how a tournament can include only two teams, Kamin replied that it was Erik Anderson's idea. "And he's not very smart."

The tournament consisted of a Best-of-101-Game format. The *Lake Harriet Federalists* defeated the *Southwest Branch Whigs* 61 games to 40, but not without much controversy. Ben Eisenberg of the *Branch Whigs* complained that the *Federalists* cheated by over-counting some wins. "Plus, they let some kid from Alaska play on their team," said Eisenberg. "Everyone knows that 3 on 2 in hallway dodge ball is completely unfair."

Unable to settle the dispute was Dan Ott, the History Day Sports Supervisor placed in charge of reffing the tournament. All participants complained that Ott exhibited tremendous bias and "a complete misunderstanding of the world around him," said Eisenberg. Ott also was reprimanded by Mr. History for allowing the players to use up all the blue tape in order to make the ball.

A rematch has been scheduled for tomorrow outside the 3rd floor bathroom.



Erik Anderson and Eli Kamin play a little Dodge Ball.



From the “History Day Staffer of the Day”

Dan Ott

College Park, MD - I would like to say that Tim Hoogland, for once in his life was wrong. I am not the one who deserves to be recognized as the “History Day Staffer of the Day,” but rather the rest of the staff who wake up at nine in the morning and work their butts off until the wee hours of the morning. They are the ones who deserve to be recognized for their outstanding effort, not myself. So please join me in saying, “Thank you James, Jessica, Mollie, Jesse, Brad and Theresa, for making this the best History Day experience it could possibly be.” There is a reason it seems that the Minnesota History Day constituents have the most fun at the National competition, and it is because these staffers make it happen and sacrifice their time, energy and sleep to make this the TOTAL History Day experience.

And on the other side of the spectrum as a staffer, I would like to thank the students for inspiring us to work as hard as we do, because they are the best darn kids out there and deserve to have the experience that the staffers provide for them. They have worked their butts off as well and deserve to have this fun vacation for all of the effort they have put in.

Photo at right: A sea of white –The crime scene after the TP-ing youth struck.

Lock your Doors: HD Staff hit by TP-ing Youth!

College Park, MD - History Day staffer James Hanneman returned to his room late Monday night, sleepy and ready for a little rest. However, he opened his door to find more than just his bed and dorm-regulated furniture. It turns out while the staff was out and about figuring out ways for the Minnesota contingent to have even more fun, the kids found their own fun to be had. It seems that someone broke into Hanneman’s room and decided to decorate it with toilet paper, streamers and well-placed duct tape. Staffer Theresa Heath said, “It looked like a winter wonderland, there was just so much toilet paper.”

The crime scene is still being investigated and will continue to be until the culprits decide to step up to the plate. Hanneman thought at first it was the female staff trying to be funny. After they denied it, reminding him that they had been together, he then quickly turned his attention to the students. After being accused by Hanneman, Jay Bluhm was heard saying, “I am just so hurt that he would accuse me of doing this heinous crime, all because I just happen to be his neighbor.”

The HD staff is on the investigation and if anyone knows anything about the destruction that was done to Hanneman’s room, please let us know. The plus side to the crime that was committed, he said, is that “now I don’t have to worry about decorating my room for the competition.”





Ask the Brit

Editor's note: We're sticking with the dueling columns. As always, send us your questions for one or both of the columnists to answer.

Ask Hanneman



Dear Brit,
Do you celebrate the fourth of July?
- from Bears Fan

Dear Bears Fan,
Of course we celebrate the fourth of July. It comes after the 3rd and before the 5th. (I feel a Holy Grail quote coming on)... No seriously, the British are quite happy to celebrate the independence of the colonies. They had become a drain on our resources and whined too much. They were holding us back, and to be quite frank, becoming an embarrassment. Who would want to be associated with a people who can't spell correctly and eat squirrels? Hanneman is a fine example of why independence is a good thing, especially because of his fear of fences. He thinks that America is the greatest country in the world. A country that let OJ and Jackson go free, but put Martha Stewart in gaol. A country that has not yet elected a female president, nor chosen a female masked banana.

-The Brit

Dear Hanneman,
Will you write a criptic coded message to the people who vandalized your room?

- Hanneman

Dear Hanneman,
It happened that there really wasn't much going on Monday. Donald wasn't busy. Jen Walker it couldn't have been...was it? At dance Tuesday, Caitlin Loehr, Duane Bluhm, and Adriane Otopalik and other students and chaperones, including CHOF chaperone Jevon Sacarelos were there. Said they, "Yes indeed, we sure will dance the night away." Pay up, my man, but its ok to dance right on the floor.

The Top Ten Things Javis and Junior Learned Today at National History Day.

1. The word "Hot" on a University of Maryland campus shower does not necessarily mean the same thing as it does in Minnesota.
2. Never stand up in the van when Junior is driving.
3. It's not the heat... it's the humidity.
4. Camp History Day Daily Bulletins don't write themselves, and those darn newsboys don't strike nearly as much as they should.
5. Dustin McEvoy, Clayton Aldern, and Jennifer Walker have racked up the frequent viewer miles watching as many Minnesota entries as they can.
6. Don't cross Ari Resnick. After having visited the Spy Museum, he can do some stuff... man, you don't even know.
7. Never jump into evasive maneuvers in the van when Javis is trying to impress the ladies with his balancing act in the back.
8. "Do not enter during performance" apparently translates to "COME IN QUICK!" in Marylandish.
9. Sarah Abdelwahab is evidently very passionate about History Day.
10. Minnesota has some of the best kids in the nation!

Meet the History Day Staff

By Jesse "Junior" Atkins

Theresa Heath

Nickname: Tree-SUH

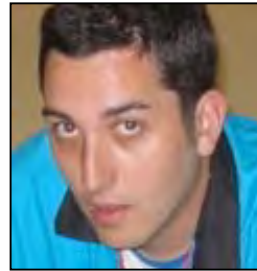
Why that Name?

"Hanneman's illiteracy leads to the egregious mispronunciation of numerous words. Sometimes, just sometimes, they're stupid enough that people pick up on em—I think more to make fun of him than anything."



This Guy's Take on Trees:

What can you say about Theresa? I posed this question to several members of the 2005 Minnesota History Day delegation to get their reactions. "Well," begins Clayton Aldern, "she's pretty good. I mean, she told me she liked my project, and that's really all I need to hear." "Theresa?" asks Aaron Beswick. "Oh, is she the one that did the project on the Military Intelligence Language School? Yeah, that was a great project. And you can print that." One of Theresa's hidden talents she brought to History Day this year was her mastery of Spanish, something she only brings out during karaoke night at the Santa Fe (when they have it!) and when ordering delectable delicacies from the local south-of-the-border food fast food establishment. "The most impressed I have ever been with Treesa," recounts Mr. History, "was when we were eating at Taco Bell one time and didn't know how to say some of the items on the menu in Spanish. Well, Treesa started throwing out words like 'burrito,' 'quesadilla,' and 'trays lay chays;' now, I don't know what any of that gibberish means, but I do know that our meal was delicioso that day. We need to keep her around." Theresa has also been invaluable in areas such as causing Mollie to wet her pants just by showing up, making sure Junior washes behind his ears, and just being an all-around stellar gal. So if you see Treesa, tell her that she may be #18 in your programs, she's #1 in your hearts... Except for maybe that Junior kid.



James Hanneman

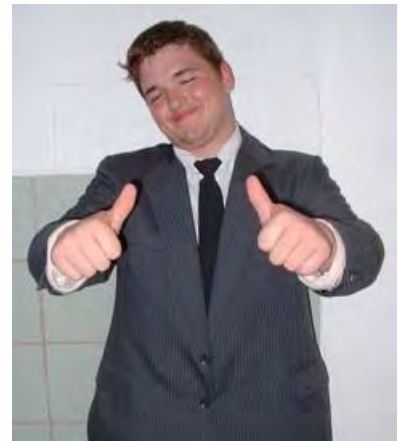
Nickname: The Yellow Dart

Why that Name?

"Why *not* that name? It's such a cool nickname, like a +5. +10! Go Bears!"

This Guy's Take on The Yellow Dart:

While he claims to be a humble man who finds no pleasure in boosting his own ego, The Yellow Dart has a pretty good sense of his favorite attributes. "I've been described as cool, awesome, hot, video games, the hottest, and real, real hot." Hanneman is hot, to be sure. And video games, too, I suppose. But above all else, Hanneman is a workingman's man. "He's blue-collar," says Brad Jarvis. "He's just out there, getting the job done, doin the dirty work. He's just so selfless, I sometimes sit in a dark room by myself and cry, out of gratitude for his dedication and desire to bring joy to the lives of others for little or no pay, out of happiness for me being able to take it easy cause the hard work is always already done.... Yeah, I am a pretty sensitive guy." James, however, is not the type to be content having just one character trait that defines him. "You can't put me in a box," boasts Hanneman. "I mean, maybe a trapezoid or some sort of octagonal figure, depending on the dimensions, but definitely not a box. That's why I write music. Go Bears!" Although the lyrics to James' epic tunes don't always make sense because of the fact that he insists that all the lyrics rhyme, it is precisely that rhyme that brings a flare to his songs Lennon and McCartney never could really muster. With opportunities like a promising career in music, several spots he's eyeing in the legislative branch of government, and women's purse design (there's not enough room here to explain), The Yellow Dart will become a household name sooner than you can say, "Have you graduated from college yet?"



CAMP HISTORY DAY DAILY BULLETIN

Minnesotans Take Top Awards at Nationals

Conditioning Program Pays Off for Staff as They
Make Multiple Trips Down Field House Steps

By Mr. History and Hanneman
St. Paul, MN -

Anticipation hung thick in the humid Maryland air as the National History Day award ceremony began. The Minnesota History Day contingent looked resplendent in their coordinated gold t-shirts as they filled in their seats in the upper reaches of the Cole Field House at the University of Maryland. Unlike other states that had staked out their turf days before, the Minnesota staff could only muster a last-minute operation to secure good seats. At 7:00 a.m. Mr. History gave Ott a roll of "Caution – Do Not Enter" tape and dispatched him to the field house with the instructions, "Do the best you can." Ott rose to the task by finding the requisite number of seats in a cozy corner of Cole. The ambience of the location was also improved by the large "M" that Ott was able to improvise with his nearly inexhaustible supply of tape.



National champions Molly, Rachel, Brenna and Laurel are congratulated by Mr. History (center) at the Awards Ceremony. The Newsies were one of many Minnesota entries selected to receive awards, forcing the History Day staff to stay constantly on the move.

After the traditional presentation of the colors, the gun throwing soldiers and adjustments to the sound system, the Minnesota victory parade began. After some near misses in Jr. Paper, Ari Resnick blazed the trail to the stage with his 2nd place award in Sr. Paper. Staffers who had raced to the stage with Ari and teacher Bob Ferguson hardly had time to catch their breath before Kelly Raxon was called forward to receive her own 2nd place medal for Jr. Individual Exhibit. An exasperated Mr. History had to call in his staff reserves early when Aaron Beswick and Amber McGuire were then announced as winners of the African American History Award. Adding to the confusion wrought by the rapid pace of Minnesota selections was the fact that at the time they were announced, Aaron was sleeping and Amber was in the restroom. After several moments of staff panic, the Sr. Group Performance members calmly made their way to the stage. They were followed shortly by Outstanding State Entries Jessica Christy for Jr. Paper and Jennifer Walker for Sr. Individual Exhibit.

Staffer Jessica Tarbox then returned to her seat exhausted and immediately fell into slumber for what she described as "like two seconds" before shrieks from the Minnesota delegation woke her. It took the groggy staffer several seconds to realize that the Newsies – Molly Hensley-Clancy, Brenna Kruse, Laurel Starr and Rachel Svanoe – had taken first place in Jr. Group Performance. The Minnesota selections continued right to the end, with Dustin McEvoy matching that feat in Sr. Individual Documentary. After receiving his award, Dustin quickly snubbed the Minnesota staffers in favor of the CSPAN crew located nearby. **(cont. on page 2)**

Minnesota Award Winners

- 1st Place, Junior Group Performance-** Molly Hensley-Clancy, Brenna Kruse, Laurel Starr, Rachel Swanoe
The New York Newsboy Strike of 1899
- 1st Place, Senior Individual Documentary-** Dustin McEvoy
The Ripper Reformation
- 2nd Place, Junior Individual Exhibit-** Kelly Rexon
Unlocking the Code: The Key to Understanding German Enigma Machine Secret Communications
- 2nd Place, Senior Paper-** Ari Resnick
Communication at Camp David: The Key to Peace and Understanding Between Israel and Egypt
- 4th Place, Junior Paper-** Erin Swenson-Klatt
Bringing the Slums to Light
- 4th Place, Junior Group Documentary-** Nick Herringer, Dan Holthus, Maddie Schmidt
Understanding the Dream: Communicating the Message of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- 5th Place, Junior Paper-** Jessica Christy
Outstanding State Entry Award!
The Alien and Sedition Acts: Limiting the Communication of Free Speech in Early America
- 5th Place, Senior Group Performance-** Aaron Beswick, Amber McGuire
African American History Award!
The Crisis vs. Opportunity: The Key to Understanding the Negro Community
- 6th Place, Senior Individual Exhibit-** Jennifer Walker
Outstanding State Entry Award!
Solidarnosc: Communicating Solidarity in Poland
- 6th Place, Senior Group Performance-** Donald Bluhm, Azalea Fricke, Zane Sacarellos, Dominique Scheeler
Communicating Effectively with the Masses: The Radio Act of 1927
- 11th Place, Junior Individual Performance-** Clayton Aldern
This...Is London: Edward R. Murrow and Communication Through Broadcast Journalism
- 12th Place, Senior Group Exhibit-** Tildy Mouw, Sarah Parker
Alan Ginsberg and the Beat Generation: Communicating New Ideas Through Poetry
- 13th Place, Senior Paper-** Melissa Brown
Silence=Death: The History of the American AIDS Epidemic

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Toward the end of the ceremony the History Day staff suddenly understood the value of the pre-contest training program forced on them by Mr. History. The veteran coordinator had learned his lesson in 2004 when poor preparation and fatigue severely diminished the quality of award ceremony video. "I think the hours we spent running the stairs at the Metrodome really paid off this year," he commented. "Although I was a little worried that Hanneman's pre-contest diet of Oreos and Diet Coke was going to take its toll at crunch time." Staffer Junior agreed that the preparation paid off. "It was just like the wind sprints we did during practice," he said, "except that today was game day and it was like ten times more intense. We really had to bring our 'A' game. I could see a couple of Iowa staffers really struggling out there."



Dustin McEvoy receives a kiss from his proud mother before being interviewed by CSPAN on national television.

Minnesotans Storm Cole Field House, Shenanigans Ensue

St. Paul, MN-

A band of sleep-deprived and sweaty Minnesotans took to the floor of the Cole Field House just prior to the awards ceremony to join students from dozens of other states in a demonstration of state pride.

Mr. History was originally worried about their ability to turn in a peak performance, but was ultimately satisfied with the result. "I thought they were a little sluggish at the team picture and our lines were a little strung out on the march over to Cole," he said, "but you can always count on the Masked Banana to rally the troops to victory." Other parade highlights included Erik and Eli's skillful manipulation of the Mooster History puppet, the precision of the letter people and Madeleine Marrin doing two full laps in the Mooster History costume. The exclamation point of the parade came when the History Channel cameras discovered our secret parade weapon – the gopher slingshot. Nothing pleases a crowd like a flying plush rodent, and the MN HD artillery crew put several well-placed shots into the eager delegations from other states. So far, no legal action has been taken by the innocent bystander who took a t-shirt to the head.



**Zane...er the Masked Banana
launches a shirt into the crowd
during the parade**

Ask Hanneman



*Dear Hanneman,
I thought Nationals was pretty sweet. This trip was only like the best trip to Nationals EVER! Did you learn any special skills? I saw you in the cafeteria drinking 1%. Is that 'cuz you think you're fat? 'Cuz you're not. You could drink whole milk if you wanted to. I caught you a delicious bass.*

- Napoleon

Dear Napoleon,

Thanks for the nice comments, I think.

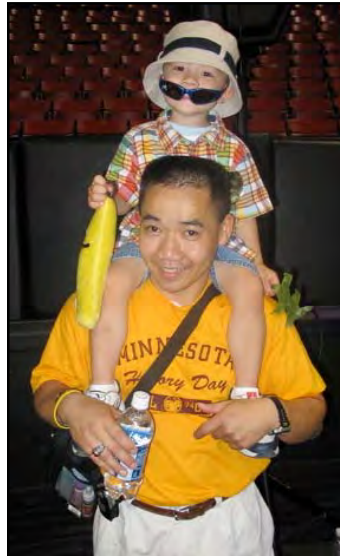
I have to agree. This was hands-down the best trip to Nationals ever. Probably the most fun group of students ever assembled. Too bad the Brit didn't get to see the whole thing. Just when things were getting interesting, she decided to cut and run like the Redcoats at the Battle of Concord. She didn't stick around to see that 13 Minnesota entries made the final round. And she missed the best room decorating entries ever. A top-ten list is in order. My top ten favorite memories from this year's trip:

- 10.) Sydney and Bailey's patriotic song and dance with the giant bows. It was only the cutest thing EVER! Gosh!
 - 9.) Katherine and Jessica doing the Preamble song and dance followed by Jessica singing "I'm Just a Bill." Only History Day kids would actually know these songs.
 - 8.) Jay Bluhm's guest column in which he listed as a qualification for being the Masked Banana: "When I was seven I almost lost my thumbs... and then again at eight."
 - 7.) Thomas McCullough's "North Woods" room, punctuated by an actual, live firefly AND an actual, live Alaskan. Fantastic!
 - 6.) Mr. History's impersonation of Ott showing approval
 - 5.) Erik giving Mark Dayton a History Day shirt and having him put it on for pictures.
 - 4.) The Florida lady handing out fans at the Awards Ceremony. Might not have made it through otherwise.
 - 3.) Josh Nguyen giving fist bumps and saying "Go Bears"
 - 2.) Dustin cooking hotdogs in a coffee pot. Mmmmm.
 - 1.) Sarah Abdelwahab singing "Under the Sea" and dancing with swimming goggles on. 'Nuff said.
- Hanneman

Photos from the Awards Ceremony



Jen Walker and Junior



Go Bears!



Erik leads Mooster History through the Parade



James is cool as a cucumber thanks to his fan



Erin reacts to being named a finalist



The DeLaSallers and Mr. H. pose after the ceremony



The tension gets to Junior as awards are called