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Early Flight Departure Takes Toll on Weary Travelers

SOMEWHERE OVER WEST VIRGINIA –

Tom Hilgren, a History Day teacher from Chatfield, wiped the sleep out of his eyes when his alarm rung at 2:15 this morning. The fun of his History Day adventure had begun. He began the two-hour trip to the airport, where he met up with the other travelers. Over 80 Minnesota travelers moved with herd-like precision through ticketing, baggage check-in, and security. It took less than an hour to get everyone on the plane with all of their trays in an upright and locked position. After a small delay due to the pilot missing his holding pattern on the runway, the group was on its way to Nationals.

The excitement of take-off soon waned and the sandman found his way down the center aisle shortly after the chewy bars and juice were delivered. Jonathan Bakken of Anoka High School was one of the scholars found napping on the flight. When asked about the book he had dropped to the floor, he responded "zzzzz..." By the time the plane landed all of those on board were rested and ready for sightseeing.

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History Day adrenaline buzz fades during Washington flight. Jonathan Bakken; (left) Mihir Gupta (right)

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Yummy Yummy Woman Lures History Day Staff to Cajun Culinary Feast

By Liz Buchanan
Washington, D.C.

Union Station has many eating establishments to choose from, but savvy marketing tipped the scales and enticed many History Day travelers eat at the same place. The hypnotic ring of “yummy, yummy, yummy, so good” came from the behind the counter at Kelly’s Cajun Cuisine. Holding her meat-tipped toothpick aloft as she sang her siren song, the “yummy yummy” woman lured a steady stream of Minnesotans to try her free sample. After a few more choruses of “yummy, yummy” the deal was sealed and the sale of bourbon chicken on fried rice went through the roof. A majority of the History Day staff, including James Hanneman, were sucked into the spicy world of Cajun cooking. “It really was yummy and soooo good,” commented Mr. Hanneman before he ended his food review with his signature sign-off, “Go bears.” It ought to be noted that Mr. History stuck with this Union Station usual, a brat with sauerkraut.



Breanna & Kelsey also fell victim to Yummy marketing

Air Conditioning Debacle Turns up Tour Heat

By James Hanneman
Washington, D.C.

As the weary Minnesota travelers emerged from Terminal A of Washinton-National Airport, they were greeted by a stifling heat that at least one History Day veteran called the “worst I’ve ever experienced!” But the happy History Day Horde remained undaunted, and several teachers and students could be heard repeating the History Day motto: “Think cool, be cool.” Even the late arrival of the group’s tour buses couldn’t put a damper on their high spirits. Said History Day staffer Kurt Kortenhof, “I can’t wait to see that Lincoln statue thing.” After several frantic cell phone calls from Mr. History, two massive buses arrived, and the touring of our nation’s capitol commenced. The History Day masses arrived at their first stop—a refreshing lunch break at Union Station—without incident. However, as the group re-boarded the buses to shouts of “same seats! same seats!” from the students, the travelers on Bus #1 were horrified to discover that the bus’ air conditioning system was malfunctioning. The bus driver, Tom, got to the heart of the crisis by saying, “Oh yeah, the A. C. doesn’t really work that well.” But History Day teacher Linda Hoffman had a different assessment of the situation “Its not so much cold on this bus as it is really hot!” As the bus took the Minnesotans from the White House to the Jefferson Memorial, an audible discontent was slowly rising from the passengers from Bus #1 – especially since they had just heard about the refreshing chill that wafts over the smugly contented occupants of Bus #2. According to unidentified sources, several History Day students melted before the bus driver could crack open the ceiling vent. Crack History Day staffer Alexis Braun tried to rally the troops by leading a halfhearted recitation of the History Day motto, “The hotter it is, the better we like it,” but she dropped the microphone as the plastic housing blistered her palm. [cont. page 3]



Despite the heat, Minnesota History Day scholars find time to pose for a picture in front of the White House.

Hot! Hot! Hot! Tour Bus

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By the time the tour bus arrived at the FDR memorial, drastic measures had to be taken. Mr. History, sensing the severity of the problem, immediately ordered an unprecedented “Bus Switch,” meaning that for the ride to the University of Maryland campus all those uncomfortable tourists on Bus #1 were able to recover in the cool, crisp air of Bus #2, while their counterparts got a chance to experience the Hot Zone. When asked his opinion of the Hot Bus, Mr. History said, “I don’t really know, I was on the air-conditioned bus the whole time.” After what seemed like an eternity for those on the Hot Bus (and 20 minutes for those on the Cool Bus, the group arrived on campus. There the weary tourists parted with the hot, sticky, stifling bus in favor of the even hotter dorm building.



ABOVE- Mr History addresses History Day tour goes at the Washington Monument

LEFT- Meri, Kim Natalie, and Sasha (left to right) relax at the FDR Monument

A Monumental Perspective



KURT: “Hey Mr. History I always thought the Washington Monument was a lot taller.”

MR. HISTORY: “No they just use camera tricks to make it look a lot bigger on T.V.”

Ask Hanneman

Every day I get all kinds of questions—some History Day related, some not. Today, I had a concerned History Day parent ask me an intriguing question, and I feel compelled to respond in this space. She asked, “Hanneman, what’s the deal with L.L.Cool J’s name? What do those initials stand for?” This one’s right up my alley. You see, Cool’s full name is Ladies Love Cool James. Now, some have suggested that the nickname is more applicable to me (it’s a little known History Day fact that my first name is James), but I’m not going to comment on that. So anyway, there you go. If you have any questions to ask Hanneman, fire away and if it’s a good one, I’ll answer it in this space tomorrow,

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Minnesota Seniors Prepare for First Round Judging

COLLEGE PARK, MD
With first-round senior judging just a day away, Minnesota's senior scholars spent most of today supporting their junior counterparts and preparing for their first round judging times. Well – OK most of them spent the day touring, but we all know that in the back of their minds they were thinking about History Day. In any event, after several parent, teacher and student suggestions and much deliberation in our editorial office, we have decided to print the senior division first-round judging schedule in this issue of the Bulletin. To find out where and when to support the seniors – see the Senior Preview on page 3.

Seven Minnesotans Advance to the Junior Division Final Round

COLLEGE PARK, MD

Twenty-two Minnesotans participated in the first round of Junior Division judging earlier today. By all accounts these Minnesotans made our state proud. When asked of today's presentations, Andrea Burns, a seasoned MN History Day staffer, proclaimed “Holy Buckets – these students know their history!” As is National History Day custom, Junior Division Performance and Documentary results were posted in the Stamp Student Union at 7 PM. Among the entries moving on to the final round of judging Tuesday evening were three from Minnesota.

- **Clayton Aldern**, “The Rights and Responsibilities of the Prohibition Era,” Junior Individual Performance, Cedar Creek Community School. JUDGING TIME: 7:30 PM – 0130, Nyumburu Cultural Center
- **Kim Holtus, Kallie Pearson, Grace Schmidt**, “Religious Liberty at Stake: Wisconsin vs. Yoder,” Junior Group Documentary, Sunrise Park Middle School. JUDGING TIME: 8:30 PM – 2203, Art/Sociology Building
- **Bre Blaesing, Sarah Sward, Abby Tracey**, “Tinker vs. Des Moines,” Junior Group Performance, Sunrise Park Middle School. JUDGING TIME: 8:30 PM Hoff Theater, Stamp Union

Although Junior Division exhibits and papers were also judged today, entries advancing to the final round of judging are not posted. The final results for all categories will be announced at Thursday's Award Ceremony. MN History Day staff congratulates all Junior division participants on a job well done!

Abby Tracy (right), Sarah Sward (middle), and Bre Blaesing (left) celebrate after learning their Tinker vs. Des Moines performance advanced to the final round



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Through the Grapevine

Can I see your I.D. sir?

Its doubtful that any bartender would serve Minnesota History Day student Clayton Aldern, but it seems that Clayton is a little older than his middle school years. The Cedar Creek Community School student hollowed out a book to use as a prop in his performance. The title of the book: *The Drink Book*, which includes a bunch of recipes for making mixed adult beverages. When asked what he did with the pages he cut out, Clayton smiled and said, "Happy Hour starts at 8." For those of legal drinking age, Clayton's room number is...

Shootin' the Bre's

Now that all the states have arrived, the button trade is in full swing. We're pleased to report that at least two of our Minnesota students, Bre Blaesing and Breanna Storlie, have collected buttons from all fifty states. Storlie has been pinning all her buttons to the hat she wears, and if she continues to swap buttons at this torrid pace, she's going to need a new hat soon. Both Bre's report that the Louisiana button is hard to come by.

Better late than never

We're happy to report that John Somerville's suitcase has finally arrived. After failing to show up on the baggage claim carousel at the appointed time, the tardy luggage has spent several days in a logistical no-man's land. However, the suitcase was delivered this evening, just in time for John—a St. Thomas Academy student—to change into his clubbin' clothes for the big dance.

Check it out

If you get a chance, check out today's edition of the Star Tribune. Inside you'll find a story by Joe Kimball about Sunrise Park Middle School teacher Huy Nguyen and his outstanding work with History Day. We're fortunate to have Huy join us here in Washington for the second consecutive year, this year bringing eleven Sunrise students. True to character, Huy deflected the credit for his success to the students, but he deserves every bit of praise written about him in the article. On a side note, Joe Kimball is the brother of George Kimball, a former History Day teacher. George also taught in the White Bear Lake School District. GO BEARS!

Happy Birthday!

We'd like to wish a very Happy Birthday to Michelle Rowland, a student from Chosen Valley High School. Lets hope for a wonderful birthday treat tomorrow, as Michelle and her partner Jackie Baker present their project.

Ask Hanneman

Today's question came to me by way of a couple of curious History Day students. They asked, "Hanneman, can you give us any interesting nuggets of information to ponder as we go out touring in Washington?" Great and timely question kids. Here's a great one that you can kill a half an hour with. Go to the Lincoln Memorial, proceed around the left side of the statue, and stare at the back of Abe's head. Legend has it that the flowing waves of the Lincoln statue's hair form the profile of his archnemesis Robert E. Lee who is staring at his Arlington home. The History Day staffers recently tested this theory, and all agreed that the legend is true—except Kurt that is. Kurt had a bug in his eye and couldn't see.



Grace Schmidt (left), Kallie Pearson (holding Grace's sister), & Kim Holthus celebrate after learning that they advanced to the final round.

Senior Division Preview (from page 1)

Here are the times and locations for Minnesota's Senior Division presentations tomorrow. Thanks to Craig Bakken for this wonderful idea. Get out there and support your fellow Gophers!

- 10:00am-** Kristina Bjorkman presents her performance called "Forgotten Heroines: The Rights of the WWI Signal Corps" in Cole Field House 3111.
- 10:20am-** Anna Rice presents her documentary called "Contested Colors: The 28th Virginia Battle Flag in Minnesota" in Jimenez 2122.
- 10:45 am-** Brinton Ahlin presents his paper on "The Internal Security Act of 1950: Congress' Responsibility to Avoid Hysteria and Political Pressure in Lawmaking" in Jimenez 2102.
- 11:00am-** Nate Gabriel and Mihir Gupta present their documentary called "Gandhi's Philosophy of Peace, Human Rights, and Responsibilities" in Tydings 0130.
- 11:00am-** Jackie Baker and Michelle Rowland present their documentary titles "Gopher Ordinance Works: Violation of Rights or Necessary Sacrifice?" in Stamp Union 2146.
- 11:00am-** Daniel Gifford, Jessica Nelson, and Matthew Romens present their performance called "Land of Free or Home of the Brave: Rights, Responsibilities, and the American Draft" in Art/Sociology 2203.
- 11:00am** Eva Mitchell presents her exhibit titled "Roaming Free: Velma Johnston's Fight for Mustang Rights" in Grand Ballroom B.
- 11:40am-** Kirsten Slungaard presents her documentary called "Setting Boundaries: Public Rights and Government Responsibilities to the BWCA" in Jimenez 2122.
- 1:00pm-** Madeline Kreider Carlson and Caitlyn Ngam present their exhibit "Ojibwa Treaty Rights and the Responsibility to Protect the Earth" in Grand Ballroom F.
- 1:00pm-** Elaine Campbell presents her paper about "Flapper: Demanding Rights and Rejecting Responsibilities" in Jimenez 2120.
- 1:00pm-** John Somerville presents his exhibit called "The Patient Crusader: Lewis Hine—Child Labor.
- 1:30pm-** Jonathan Bakken presents his performance called "'Freedom is Never Granted; It is Won': How A. Phillip Randolph Improved the Lives of All African-Americans" in Cole Field House 3112.
- 2:30pm-** Azalea Fricke, Rose Fricke, Jevon Sacarelos, Zane Sacarelos, and Dominique Sheeler perform "Bloodwork: The Ryan White Story" in Nyumburu 0130.

Special Congressional Update

Tomorrow morning at 11:45am, our Minnesota delegation has an appointment with Senator Norm Coleman in his office, 320 Hart Building. For all those intending to go to this meeting directly from campus, History Day staffer James Hanneman will meet you in the lobby of our dorm at 10:40am, and lead you via the Metro to Senator Coleman's office. If you are out touring in the morning, and want to attend the meeting, meet us at Senator Coleman's office ten minutes prior to the scheduled appointment time. Union Station is the best Metro stop to get to the Senate office buildings. See tomorrow's edition of the *Camp History Day Bulletin* for travel arrangements for Wednesday's congressional appointments. And, as always, see Mr. History or Hanneman for questions regarding congressional stuff.

Breanna Storlie, Button-trading extraordinaire, takes time out from pin negotiations to pose for the camera



Photo History – Minnesota at National History Day



Junior Paper writer Ellen Rice gives the History Day thumbs up with History Day staffer Andrea Burns

The Minnesota History Day Delegation during the Sunday night meeting



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Minnesota juniors entertain final- round crowds

COLLEGE PARK, MD
Minnesotans participating in today's final round drew large crowds from the Minnesota delegation. The auditoriums were filled with people from other states as well, most likely lured by the turquoise flash of MN History Day staff rushing to all the Minnesotan judging times. An extension cord escapade that occurred during the setup of the Tinker vs. Des Moines performance, resulted in roaring cheers from the audience once the bears finally untangled the cord. All of the entries successfully charmed the audiences with charismatic projects. Best of luck Junior Finalists!

Minnesota sends three senior entries on to final round

COLLEGE PARK, MD
As expected, Minnesota senior division students impressed judges with extraordinary work in the first-round of evaluation earlier today. Senior Division Performance and Documentary results were posted in the Stamp Student Union at 7 PM. Among the entries moving on to the final round of judging Wednesday evening were three from Minnesota.

Congratulations to:

- **Daniel Gifford, Jessica Nelson, Matthew Romens**, "Land of the Free or Home of the Brave: Rights, Responsibilities, and the American Draft," Senior Group Performance, John Paul II Home School, JUDGING TIME: 10:30 AM - Hoff Theater, Stamp Union.
- **Azalea Fricke, Rose Fricke, Jevon Sacarelos, Zane Sacarelos, Dominique Scheeler**, "Bloodwork: The Ryan White Story," Senior Group Performance, Christ Household of Faith School. JUDGING TIME: 8:45 AM - Hoff Theater, Stamp Union



Matt Romens (right), Jessica Nelson (middle), Dan Gifford (left) give the History Day thumbs up after first round judging.

- **Kristina Bjorkman**, "Forgotten Heroines: The Rights of WW I Signal Corps," Senior Individual Performance, Partnership Homeschool. JUDGING TIME: 11:00 AM - Room 0130, Nyrunburu

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Room judging set to commence at 8:30 PM Wednesday

COLLEGE PARK, MD

Room judging is set to commence at 8:30 PM on Wednesday evening. Please refer to the following guidelines and helpful hints to ensure that your room judging experience will be as rewarding and meaningful as possible.

Guidelines

- History Day staff judges will check your journal to make sure it is current before judging can begin.
- Associated room presentations are strictly limited to 3 minutes.
- Bribes given to History Day staff judges will have no affect on judging outcomes (some, ok numerous, exceptions to this guideline apply)
- Try really hard not to injure History Day staff judges in the course of your associated room presentation. Injured judges often grade the room they were injured in low.

Categories – subject to change based on random ideas that may or may not pop into Judge’s heads.

- Most unique bribe (although bribes will not affect room judging – unless, of course, you are interested in winning a prize)
- Best connection to next years theme Exploration, Encounter, Exchange in Room Judging
- Most amusing
- Best use of Flare
- Best use multimedia (again try not to injure the judges)
- Best use kitchen-related items (Go Bears - saran wrap counts as a kitchen-related item)
- Best dramatic presentation and/or song

Helpful hints for first-timers

- Due to a childhood trauma, Alexis will not consume cherry flavored or cherry related candy (not that she is expecting any bribes or anything)
- All beverages provided for judges are more appreciated if they are chilled or served with ice. This include Mountain Dew’s new “Live Wire” product
- New judges (Brad, Lizz, Hanneman) are more easily persuaded by bribes. So remember to “tip the new guys and gals” – No real money of course.

Ask Hanneman

I received a question a couple of days ago from Sunrise Park teacher Mike Daniel (Go Bears). He asked, “Hanneman, who cuts Mr. History’s hair?” Its an interesting question, Mike, but I’d rather not go there because I’m still waiting on a couple of paychecks from History Day. Instead, I’d like to take this opportunity to discuss the importance of keeping track of your room keys at all times. We can’t stress this point enough, and the recent experience of Mr. Daniel “bears” us out. It seems that over a recent lunch hour, an absentminded Mr. Daniel left his keys in the dining hall. A selfless History Day staffer risked his own safety to rescue the keys from the tray conveyor belt. A similar mishap recently befell Como Park student Caitlyn Ngam.

I guess the moral of the story is that you should spend less time worrying about people’s hair and more time keeping track of your keys.



Smithsonian Performances

Today three of Minnesota's entries will be performing at Smithsonian Museums. Breawanna Blasing, Sarah Sward, and Abigail Tracy will perform Tinker Vs. Des Moines at the City Museum of Washington, D.C. between 10:00 and 1:00. Addie Gorlin's Bittersweet Berries and Clayton Aldern's Prohibition Era pieces will be at the American History Museum between 11:00 and 12:30. So, get out and support them! Besides, this gives you an excuse to get your parent or teacher to take you into the city, in case any of you want to have some fun.



Clayton Aldern and his teacher Darin Bourasa pose for a Daily Bulletin photo journalist

Correction

Even the best are wrong some of the time, and yesterday we were wrong quite a bit. It seems that the schedule of presentation times we included in yesterday's Bulletin was riddled with inaccuracies. Our mistakes included omitting Chris Hirsch and Kyle Parsons' presentation time, placing Anna Rice's documentary in the wrong room, and misspelling Dominique SCheeler's name, among others. We deeply regret all these errors, and we wish to inform our readership that discovered the source of our errors. After an internal investigation, we learned that the author of that feature was the former New York Times reporter Jayson Blair. Blair and several interns, including Hanneman, have been fired from the *Camp History Day Bulletin* effective this Friday. Executive Editor Mr. History and Managing Editor Kurt Korten Hof are also expected to resign early next week. When reached for comment, Mr. History said, "Let me get this straight, we publish a daily newsletter?"

Through the Grapevine

The Fun Police

Have you seen Bob Ferguson's sense of adventure? That's what two of his students would like to know. Kyle Parsons and Chris Hirsch have begun a public relations campaign to pressure their Minneapolis Southwest High School History Day teacher to do something. What it is they are demanding is still unclear, but it is believed that they are seeking a chaperoned trip into the city. Ferguson responded to these pleas by saying, "Are you serious? Those are my students? I thought they were with Tom Hilgren!"

Speaking of...

Tom Hilgren. Can somebody please help him find Stamp Union room 2146. Word on the street is that the Chosen Valley teacher is still wandering around the Union looking for the location of Jackie and Michelle's presentation.

Not worth the paper its printed on

We've recently become aware that a new group has begun to distribute their own History Day rag/newsletter. While we here at the *Camp History Day Bulletin* aren't jumping up and down that our monopoly over information media at nationals is being challenged, we are far from worried about the competition. Several History Day participants have complained to us about this new publication's lack of meaningful social commentary, unwillingness to tackle the tough issues, and liberal media bias. Our sources also decried, lack of Minnesota coverage, and the fact that you actually have to pay money to read the other publication. In an official press release, the *Camp History Day Bulletin* staff said, "We are committed to providing high quality news coverage to the History Day masses free of charge...at least until Tim can figure out how to make money on this thing."

A History Day feel-good story

On a more serious note: Before she presented her performance about Marge Anderson and the impact of tribal gaming on the Ojibwe tribe, Addie Gorlin made a phone call for a little inspiration. She dialed the number of none other than Marge Anderson herself. Addie, a Breck student, had searched long and hard to find Anderson's contact information so that she could interview the former tribal leader for her project. Anderson became one of her most important sources, and the two have spoken several times. Anderson's message to Addie in this most recent conversation: "I'm so proud of you."

Photo History – Minnesota at National History Day



History Day Campers went to visit Senator Coleman earlier today. The Pearson family attempted a button trade with a coveted bottle-top button. Coleman, however, did not complete the exchange but instead convinced the unsuspecting Pearsons to leave the Minne “soda” button with him as a gift.



Kirsten Slungaard is congratulated by Mr. History after her first-round judging on Tuesday.

Congressional Crazyness

Here’s the latest greatest...

Congressman Kennedy- meeting scheduled for 11:00am has been cancelled due to the wildly successful showing of Kennedy constituents in the Senior Division runoffs.

Congressman Ramstad- 1:30pm meeting at 103 Cannon Building, a staff-guided tour will follow. Hanneman will meet interested Ramstad constituents and others in the lobby of our dorm at 11:35am to lead “Rammer’s” people over to see him.

Congressman Oberstar- meeting scheduled with him at 2:45 in his office at 2365 Rayburn Building. Closed circuit to the Storlies: let Hanneman know if you already did a tour and if I should cancel this meeting, or if you still want to attend.

Congresswoman McCollum- meeting at 3:00pm, a tour will be provided afterward. The meeting will be in the Longworth Building, sixth floor, room 1640. Be there or be square.

Congressman Sabo- meeting in 2336 Rayburn Building at 3:30pm. Hanneman will make every effort to meet you folks at his office for that meeting.

At 4:30, all Minnesotans are encouraged to meet with our senior Senator, Mark Dayton. Meeting location is still TBA, but it is definitely in the Dirksen Senate Building. Hanneman will post meeting location in the dorm as soon as its available tomorrow, or else you can call or visit Dayton’s office at 346 Russell Building (across the street from Dirksen) if you won’t be around to see that posting.

Remember, leave early for these meetings

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Bjorkman Captures First Place Honors With Senior Individual Performance

COLLEGE PARK, MD

Kristina Bjorkman, of Partnership Homeschool, took *first place* in the senior individual performance category with her entry, "Forgotten Heroines: The Rights of the WWI Signal Corps." This marks the second consecutive year that a Minnesotan has topped the Senior Individual Performance category at National History Day.

Nine other Minnesota Entries Receive Awards

In all, ten entries from Minnesota won awards in their categories, including:

Caitlyn Ngam and **Madeline Kreider-Carlson**, of Como Park Senior High, placed *second* in the senior group exhibit category with their entry, "Treaty Rights of the Ojibwe Indians."

Clayton Aldern, of Cedar Creek Community School, placed fourth in the junior individual performance category and won the *outstanding state junior entry* award for his project, "The Rights & Responsibilities During Prohibition: From the Temperance Movement to the 21st Amendment & Beyond."

Jessica Nelson, **Matthew Romens**, and **Daniel Gifford**, of Homeschool-John Paul II, placed fifth in the senior group performance category and received the *outstanding state senior entry* for their performance: "Land of the Free or Home of the Brave: Rights, Responsibilities and the American Draft."
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Kristina Bjorkman poses for a photo after receiving her first place award on Thursday June 19, 2003

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Brinton Ahlin, White Bear Lake High – North; fifth place, senior paper: “The Internal Security Act of 1950.”

Kim Holthus, Kallie Pearson, and Grace Schmidt, Sunrise Park Middle School; fifth place, junior group media: “Wisconsin v. Yoder.”

Rose Fricke, Azalea Fricke, Dominique Scheeler, Zane Sacarelos, and Jevon Sacarelos, Christ’s Household of Faith (CHOF); seventh place, Sr group performance: “Bloodwork – Right to Education, Responsibility to Reform: The Ryan White Story.”

Emily Eaton, Lake Harriet Community School; tenth place, junior individual exhibit: “Hormel Strike of 1985-86: Packers v. Profits.”

Meri Pearson, Washington Tech Middle School; eleventh place, junior individual exhibit: “Extra! Extra! Newsboys Go On Strike: Young Boys Take On Big Business!”

Breawna Blaesing, Sarah Sward, and Abby Tracy, Sunrise Park Middle School; twelfth place, junior group performance: “Tinker v. Des Moines.”

History Day Mob Descends on Capitol, Security Helpless to Stop Them

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Scores of History Day students, parents, teachers and staffers took time out of their touring schedule Wednesday to attend a series of meetings on Capitol Hill. The purpose of these meetings was to secure support for History Day from Minnesota’s congressional delegation by raising awareness of the valuable program. Few elected officials from the Land of 10,000 Lakes were able to avoid the powerful grassroots force. The meetings today with Senator Mark Dayton, Congressmen Jim Ramstad, Martin Sabo, Jim Oberstar and Congresswoman Betty McCollum followed on the heels of Tuesday’s successful meeting with Senator Norm Coleman. *Camp History Day Bulletin* sources reported that several students, who either are considering future employment as lobbyists or confused these congressional meetings with room judging, slipped the Minnesota dignitaries bottle-cap trading buttons under the table. No word on whether the bribes were successful. Congressional staff members took several of the groups on tours of the Capitol building following the meetings, and among the high-ranking officials reportedly seen by tour-groups in the Capitol were Senator Elizabeth Dole (yes she does have braces) and Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert.



Minnesota National History Day Award Winners give the History Day thumbs up with Mr. History. Thursday June 19, 2003

Room Judging Awards Announced, Controversy Ensues

COLLEGE PARK, MD

Just after learning their fate of their projects at the awards ceremony Thursday morning, Minnesota's History Day students crowded around the staff members in the Cole Fieldhouse on the University of Maryland campus to hear the much anticipated results of the room-judging contest. Throughout the week, students brought their drab, cinder-block dorm rooms to life by decorating them in a variety of themes. On Wednesday night, History Day staffers circulated throughout the dorms, judging each room based on a number of "objective" criteria. The competition was fierce, and sources report that, tensions were running high late Wednesday night and into Thursday morning. Sunrise Park student Dan Doffing summed up the general mood before the announcement, "I'm really nervous. Room judging is the reason I did History Day this year. It's just a great opportunity to showcase my creativity." Doffing and roommate Andy Huepenbecker were rewarded for their creativity with the award for "Best use of paper money and help given to judges." Doffing's sentiments were echoed by homeschooler Kristina Bjorkman. She learned that she was the first-place winner in the Senior Individual Performance category of History Day just moments before she was given the award for "Best use of multi-media" in the room-judging contest along with her roommate Addie Gorlin. When asked to compare the two honors, an



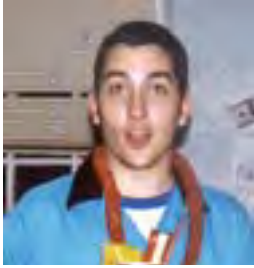
Addie Gorlin in her and Kristina Bjorkman's Center of the Universe Room

obviously elated Bjorkman responded, "I was on the edge of my seat through the whole awards ceremony. I guess getting called up for that first place thing killed some time, but I couldn't keep my mind off of whether or not our room won an award."

After the awards were announced and prizes—ranging from Pez dispensers to plastic medals—were handed out, several watchdog groups raised serious allegations concerning the administration of the contest. According to one group, the room judging contest is "riddled with corruption" stemming from "rampant bribery in the form of Mountain Dew and treats." Another group decried what they called the "cheapness" of the awards. While an anonymous History Day staffer acknowledged that controversy is nothing new to room judging, an official press release from Mr. History defended the program by saying, "I am confident my staffers refused all the tasty treats offered to them, and bribery will continue to be important...err prohibited in future room judging...unless Gummy Worms are involved." See **complete room judging results on page 3.**



Clayton Aldern & Jonathan Bakken, entertain judges in their "Montage of movie scenes" room.



Hanneman - File Photo

Ask Hanneman

A couple people have asked me to write some words of wisdom to sum up the accomplishments of our outstanding History Day students this year. My response to that is always, "If you're looking for wisdom, you came to the wrong guy." But thankfully Sunrise Park teacher Huy Nguyen has

offered something very fitting. This was a quote from Teddy Roosevelt that was included in a very complimentary e-mail sent to Mr. Nguyen by a parent of a former History Day kid he taught. Here it is: "The credit belongs to those who are actually in the arena, who strive valiantly; who know the great enthusiasm, the great devotions, and spend themselves in a worthy cause; who at the best, know the triumph of high achievement; and who, at the worst, if they fail, fail while daring greatly, so that their place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat." And to my immense pleasure, the e-mailer ended the e-mail with an emphatic, "GO BEARS!"



Sunrise Park Middle School teacher Huy Nguyen gives the History Day thumbs up while sporting the Minnesota moose hat during Thursday's award ceremony.

Room Awards

- "Best Room" – Azalea & Iris Fricke, "Chinese Room"
- "Best Connection to this year & next year's themes" – Meri Pearson & Emily Eaton, "Tropical room somehow connected to two themes"
- "Most Amusing" – Clayton Aldern & Jonathan Bakken, "Montage of movie scenes"
- "Best use of multi-media" – Addie Gorlin & Kristina Bjorkman, "Center of the universe with fun poems about staffers (won even though Alexis was the chosen 'Center of the universe')"
- "Best use of other History Day students" – Dominique SCheeler & Rose Fricke, "Rap song"
- "Most unique bribe" – Alonzo Fricke, "I hug cute girls"
- "Best use of kitchen supplies" – Kallie Pearson, Kim Holthus, Grace Schmidt, "Little Mermaid meets Saran Wrap"
- "Best dramatic presentation & song" – Anna Rice & Eva Mitchell, "Take me out to History Day"
- "Best integration of Mountain Dew" – Jackie Baker & Michelle Rowland, "Tropical room with Mountain Dew"
- "Best use of paper money & help given to judges" – Dan Doffing & Andy Huepenbecker, "Penthouse Suite w/ 100 Grand Bars"
- "Second best rap song" – Lily Rubenstein & Camille Hommeyer, "Dirty/clean room with Lily's rap song"



The Minnesota History Day Delegation poses for a team picture before the Thursday morning awards ceremony.

Through the Grapevine

We'll have to take a Congressional raincheck
Students from Minnesota's 6th Congressional District, represented by Mark Kennedy, were forced to cancel their meeting with the Congressman Wednesday morning when it turned out that a majority of them were chosen to perform in the final round of judging that morning. But in an odd turn of events, some of Kennedy's constituents still got a chance to bend his ear. On the plane ride home, Kennedy was seated nearby to his constituent Clayton Aldern who was able to explain to Kennedy that the reason History Day had to cancel the meeting was that his constituents were busy wrapping up several top ten finishes and two Outstanding State Entry awards.

More room-judging controversy

Aside from charges of bribery, room judging took another hit Thursday amid revelations that room judges were forced to add bonus points to two rooms for what a History Day spokesman termed "unfortunate incidents." Room judge James Hanneman spilled an undisclosed tasty beverage onto the floor of the "Hawaiian Room" presented by Jackie Baker and Michelle Rowland, and then followed that up by clumsily dropping a bottle of Frappaccino offered as a bribe by Azalea and Iris Fricke onto the floor of
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Cold Snap Sweeps over Nation's Capitol: Frigid Minnesotans Nostalgic for Hot Bus

COLLEGE PARK, MD

Unseasonably cool weather has blanketed the greater DC area since Monday. With temps hovering in the 60's and periodic showers, the Minnesotans have come once again to believe in the power of the state weather motto, "The Hotter it is, the better we like it." At first students ignored the thermodynamically dangerous black, long sleeved, mock turtleneck t-shirts they received in their registration goody bags. Staff have now reported several sightings of Minnesota scholars velcroing these shirt together into primitive sleeping bags. Kurt has been trying to contact Tom the bus driver to see if he could drive Bus #1 over for a mass warm up, but to no avail. Mr. History neglected to take his ill-gotten air-conditioner off of "high cool" and is currently undergoing reverse cryogenesis in the University of Maryland medical school.

**Jessica
Nelson by
the Hot Bus.
Saturday
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Sunrise Park students Natalie Murray and Sasha Toussaint's "Beach Room". No word on what it was about the tropical theme that caused Hanneman to lose all motor skills. After the second incident, History Day staffer Brad Jarvis could be overheard mumbling, "Why did we bring him?" The History Day spokesman offered no comment when asked if this was the last straw for Hanneman, who is the subject of a pending investigation concerning journalistic integrity stemming from omissions and half-truths in the *Camp History Day Bulletin*.

When you least expect it

Senior group exhibit students Caitlyn Ngam from Como Park High School and Madeline Kreider Carlson from Central High School were convinced that they had no chance to win an award at Thursday's ceremony in Cole Fieldhouse. According to the pair, their judges offered little but negative critique of their exhibit about the spear-fishing treaty rights of the Ojibwa Indians. So when it was announced that the second-place winner for their category was from St. Paul, Minnesota, the two girls assumed that the award was going to Kyle Parsons and Chris Hirsch, their friends and counterparts from Minnesota.

Interestingly, Kris and Kyle are from Minneapolis - not St. Paul, so we not exactly sure what the girls were thinking. Geography issues aside, it took Caitlyn and Madeline a few moments to realize that their names had been announced. Congrats to them!

"Minnesota - Settle Down!"

With the number of great entries Minnesota sent to Nationals this year, Minnesota is continuing its status as an elite state in History Day. However, Minnesota's behavior at the awards ceremony earned us a strong rebuke from the National Director, Cathy Gorn. As first-place winner Kristina Bjorkman was returning to the stands after accepting her medal, her fellow Minnesotans welcomed her back with a rousing cheer. Apparently the applause was too loud and disruptive for Dr. Gorn's tastes, and she sternly admonished, "Minnesota Settle down!" No word on why Pennsylvania, South Carolina, or Hawaii - all sitting near Minnesota - didn't receive similar treatment as they welcomed back their award-recipients.

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Caitlyn Ngam (front) and Madeline Kreider Carlson (back) show off their second-place medals at the award ceremony.



Big Moose and Big Gopher make the rounds at the award ceremony.