Team Minnesota Packs Up and Hits the Road to NHD 2017

Sammi “J” Stuns Observers with Jigsaw Skills

With Mr. History doing some last minute exhibit packing, Samantha “J.” Coryell was put in charge of organizing the props and exhibits in the trailer. Reporters on the scene shared that trailer-driving dad, Eric Grube, stood on the curb, paralyzed at the prospect of getting all of Team Minnesota’s stuff packed up. Little did he know that Sammi’s middle name is actually “Jigsaw.” She got to work and meticulously organized the exhibit boxes into a sturdy platform, sandwiched performance backgrounds between plastic bins, and had enough room to bring a cart. “This ain’t my first trailer-packing rodeo,” she explained, “I have some mad skills.” Assistant trailer driver, Vince Grube was impressed. “After watching Sammi Jigsaw work her magic, I’m thinking about a career change and going to work for UPS. It was a truly life-changing moment for me.”

Sanford Student Foiled in Stowaway Attempt

Exhibit packing day took a dramatic turn when it was discovered that Delilah Mitchell attempted to ship herself to College Park in an exhibit box. “I really don’t like to fly, and I saved up $100 from babysitting.” Delilah explained, “If I got the dough, why can’t I go?” Chloe Chileen alerted Mr. History, who then extracted the sneaky Hawk from the box. “Personally, I don’t really care if Delilah wants to ride in the trailer,” Chloe explained, “but she can ask the staff for a large plastic tub or something. I need that box for our sweet exhibit.”

Nationals is FINALLY HERE!
Here is the schedule for the day:

3:05 p.m. Depart MSP
6:35 p.m. Arrive at BWI Airport
7:00 p.m. Load bus and Travel to Campus
7:30 p.m. Arrive on campus, check-in to dorms
8:30 p.m. Free Pizza dinner and team meeting
9:30 p.m. Unpack and settle in!

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Exhibit Girls Start Fashion Trend

In an unexpected turn of events, the hidden warehouse that serves as the exhibit construction shop became the epicenter of an international fashion trend. As exhibit designers from White Bear Lake and St. Paul each took their turn at the chop saw, pneumatic stapler and power drill, Mr. History noticed an emerging phenomenon -- all of the girls were storing their measuring pencils in their pony tails. Apparently, Kiora Burgess-Matthews put a picture up on Instagram that first swept through Team Minnesota, and then across the world. “I think that the ‘pencil pony’ is inspired by Japanese fashion from the 19th century,” she explained, “and it really helps you keep track of your pencil when you need to mark the position of your hinges.” Grace and Sovigne Gardner agreed, “When we first saw Kiora’s pictures, we both spontaneously blurted, “That’s amazing! But we are twins, so that stuff happens all the time.” Emma Wickstrom was more subdued in her reaction, but still popped that pencil in her pony tail. “I’m not a slave to fashion,” she explained, “but if Mr. History asked me one more time ‘where’s your pencil?’ I was ready to staple him to the wall.”

Russian Hackers Steal Secret Handshake

In a stunning revelation, the FBI reported that their investigation of Russian tampering in the 2016 election has also turned up evidence that Russian hackers accessed the highly-classified instructions for the Minnesota History Day handshake. On the list of possible suspects for this security breach is Soren Eversoll. As a History Day veteran he had high level access to classified handshake data, and his ability to assume multiple characters allowed him to arrange clandestine meetings without detection. When asked for comment, Eversoll claimed innocence. “I swear on Mooster History’s antlers that I would never do such a thing -- unless, of course, I had the chance to get a button from American Samoa before anyone else.”

How To Pack your Exhibit With Ore, Sully, and Ernie

1. Bubble Wrap it.
2. Cardboard it.
3. Stack it.
4. Box it.
5. Schlep it.

DON’T LEAVE CAMPUS WITHOUT A CHAPERONE!
Get to know your staff and mentors

Mr. History is almost older than History Day itself. This will be his 29th year taking Team Minnesota to the national contest. He knows all the secret routes to the Stamp Student Union and is looking forward to going on a button safari in the Diner.

Sarah likes her dogs, her baby, and Diet Coke. The Fourth of July is her favorite holiday. If she actually got to leave campus, she would visit the National Portrait Gallery or take a stroll down King Street in Old Town Alexandria. She’s just here for the food.

Sammi Jo was a History Day kid, mentor, and now staffer. This is her fifth year going to Nationals and her favorite thing to do is tell cheesy jokes. Got a bad pun? Lay it on her! She’s really looking forward to the hot Maryland sun in her polyester bowling shirt. That doesn’t breathe. Ever.

Cyrus, a.k.a “Cy”, a.k.a “The Baby”, is making his first trip to D.C. for National History Day. Cyrus is a Naruto fanatic and enjoys taking his dogs on walks or playing video games. If you’re interested in talking about anime or have any recommendations, he is all ears. He is also a firm believer in good ol’ fashioned rock, paper, scissor duels.

Brittany, the newly elected mayor to Fun City, has been to Nationals once before. She looks forward to going back and getting a second chance to collect the elusive Puerto Rico button! Brittany enjoys switching up her earrings and her hair-dos—so be sure to look for her help at salon night!

ACTIQN Jackson enjoys coaching wrestling, going on spontaneous road trips and doing one-handed cartwheels (when no one is looking). Last year at Nationals he met President Obama and when asked his name and where he was from he responded, Space Alien from Earth, sir.

This will be Gabe’s first trip to nationals and first time to D.C since he took his first steps on Capitol Hill 23 years ago. He is looking forward to attempting to view the Newseum. If you need a cheap laugh he’s got a slew of bad dad jokes lined up and ready to go.

Clayton Aldern is a former History Day kid, journalist and a computational neuroscientist who went to Nationals way back in 2005. He hasn’t met President Obama, but he did once interview Alec Baldwin in a hotel in Paris. He recently adopted a leopard gecko named Tako.

Beth Badger has worked for History Day as a TA for two years, but has never been to Nationals or Washington DC. She is going to make this first time the best time ever. Failure is not an option. There is also about an 80% chance she knows more about video games than you, which is about 50% of the reason she went to get a History Ph.D. The other 50% is to have something to talk about other than video games.

Sophie is extremely excited to be traveling (for her first time ever!) to Washington, D.C. with Team Minnesota. Sophie enjoys traveling, hiking, and tasting new foods. She is always good for a laugh (no matter how bad the joke) and eager to be at the National History Day competition.

Matt King has never been to nationals but has heard that it is OK. He is looking forward to selling buttons for Moose Coin and melting that Moose Coin into gold bullion. He is also looking forward to finding someone in College Park who is willing to buy gold bullion.

Joe Isle has been a History Day mentor for two years and has earned the nickname “Joe Guy” from his students. He just graduated from the U of M and hopes to begin graduate school for social studies teaching in the fall. He hopes that nationals, like his time at the TC German Immersion school, is ausgezeichnet.
Draw lines to match the Pet(s) to the Staffer!

Cyrus

Sarah

Sammi Jo

Gabe

Brittany

Mr. H

Action

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**Nationals Word Find!**

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**Sudoku**

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Food for Delivery!!

Papa John’s: 301-277-7722
Jimmy John’s: 301-927-7827

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Saturday, June 10, 2017
Sea of Purple Washes Over Terminal #2

The Saturday flight group from Team Minnesota 2017 was voted “Best Group Ever” by the International Association of Group Travel Agents. The IAGTA complimented our group on their ability to line up in alphabetical order, keep their bags under 50 pounds, and avoid liquids in their carry-on baggage. But what really put Team MN on top for this prestigious award was our coordinated purple outfits. The IAGTA are big Prince fans and especially appreciated our homage to his Purple Majesty. In the award declaration, Team MN was recognized for “not going crazy” or “getting nuts” as they went through the check-in process. Even the TSA agents took notice of our stellar airport skills: As one of them told Mr. History, “That’s a good group you got there.” “Yes,” Mr. H replied, “they are the best group ever!”

Murray Student Gambling Shake Down

The efficiency of Team Minnesota’s airport check-in strategy also gave the delegation a healthy two hours of downtime near gate H13. Murray teacher Ron Beck saw this as an opportunity to earn the money needed to visit the Spy Museum by crashing a game of “Bull@#$%” organized by students Sam Skinner, Claire Driscoll, Bridget Lee, Tana Ososki, Aaron Ramsey, Nora Thomey, and Fiona Juarez Sweeney. “Hey kids, how about we make this a little more interesting?” he asked as he pulled out a few crumpled one dollar bills from his pocket. “No problem!” exclaimed Sam as he pulled out a fat roll of twenty dollar bills, “Let’s play for some real money!” (cont. pg. 3)

EXHIBIT STUDENTS!!!

Cyrus and Joe will help you load the van. Next, walk to Stamp. Sammi Jo will drive the van to a drop-off point outside of the exhibit hall. Matt and Action will unload the van and you will help bring your boxes to the exhibit hall. Sammi Jo will tell you where to set up your exhibit. Staff will have tools and supplies to help you with your set-up. Remember: Set up your board before you register! Let’s take advantage of the quiet window to get Team MN on the tables!
Team MN Tourist Challenge—It’s On!

Now that Team MN is settled into the dorm and our Sunday travelers have arrived, it’s time to put your tourist skills to work! Included with today’s Bulletin is the 2017 “Team MN Tourist Challenge.” These objectives will test the skills of even the most savvy traveler to the nation’s capital. Working by yourself or in teams of up to four, your task is to successfully complete every aspect of the Tourist Challenge guidelines. Entries must be submitted to Mr. History by the start of the Wednesday meeting. Staff will review each entry for completeness and creativity before final prizes will be awarded. Get your tourist mojo working and let’s do it!

FCAT Mayors Select Community Ambassadors

In a secret ceremony held in the basement of Easton Hall, Mayor Cyrus and Mayor Brittany selected the two members of Team MN who will serve as the community ambassadors for Fun City and Awesome Town. Accepting the mantle of leadership were Sam Skinner for Fun City and Sully Gunderson for A-Town. “I’m ready to rise to the challenge and help Fun City claim supreme dominance at NHD 2017,” explained Sam Skinner. “I believe I’m the right person for the job because I’m fun and I live in a city.” In response, Awesome Town Ambassador Sully proclaimed that Awesome Town will reach new heights of awesomeness this year. “When it comes to competition, you can count on us. Anyone can be ‘fun’, but it takes a true champion to be awesome.” The war of words will end tonight as the FCAT Games open and the road to the 2017 championship begins.

“Seriously, is Instagram Cool?” Asks Joe Isle

National History Day is a competition that inspires self reflection that makes us question our perception of history and how we can best make a difference in the world. For Joe Isle, it has brought a different kind of introspection. While wandering around the College Park campus, Joe Guy approached several Minnesota NHD participants and sought the answer to a profound question. “Joe asked me at least five times if Instagram was cool,” said Sam Dale-Gau. “I didn’t know what to say. If he had been born after 1995, he’d totally know the answer.” Instagram is a mobile, desktop, and internet-based photo-sharing application and service that has over 700 million users. Nadia Johnson had a similar story. “He just kept asking about whether Instagram was cooler than Snapchat or Facebook. I mean, come on. Who asks a question like that?”

Heard Through the Grapevine

“That wasn’t a burp. That was a growl.”

“Banana Dancing is more fun than I thought.”

“We’re gonna clean up Fun City and clean out Awesome Town! Yeah!”

“Action isn’t that fast.”

“Action is faster than I thought. I apologize for challenging Action.”

“I make this bowling shirt look gooooood.”

“I heard Jimmy John and Papa John are the same person.”

“I think my documentary might be better than Ken Burns’ stuff.”

“Do you think that President Trump will tweet about History Day?”
Shake Down (cont. page 1)
Mr. Beck was in too deep to back out, and the game commenced. After an hour of flipping cards and trading dolla dolla bills, everyone broke even. The relieved teacher shared that, “I’m glad I got out of the game when I did. Those kids are sharks! Another twenty minutes and I would have lost my pension.”

MN Student Makes a Fuss While Getting on Bus

After the thrill of the flight from Minneapolis to Baltimore, first-time National History Day traveler Lily Pope found our ground transportation from BWI to the University of Maryland to be a bit of a let down. “Are there going to be peanuts, chilled drinks, Wheat Thins?!” Lily complained. “I have standards for the way I travel. If there aren’t complimentary snacks, you can count me out!” After pleading with Mr. History to reserve an Uber Black as her personal transportation from the airport to College Park, Lily finally relented and settled into her seat on Bus B. After arriving at the dorm, Lily admitted that it wasn’t so bad. “I guess you just have to realize that riding on a bus is much better than walking all the way from Minneapolis to Washington D.C. Also, I got a window seat, which, as we know, is so much better than getting an aisle seat. And a middle seat? Out of the question.” Happiness also reigned on Bus A, where the entire bus cheered at the prospect of a lukewarm pizza picnic.

World Health Organization Report Shows Pizza Healthiest When Served Lukewarm

The Papa John’s pizza served to you yesterday at a lukewarm temperature was as healthy as Papa John’s pizza can possibly be, according to a new report. A study by the AMA (American Mozzarella Association) reports that a 20-degree drop in temperature results in an amazing 72% reduction in trans fat intake.

Minnesotan National History Day contestants were surprised to find they were not the only group flying to Baltimore this year as a myriad of aquatic citizens from the City of Atlantis waited to board the same flight. Atlantis has long been a conspicuously absent nation from History Day, which sees students from across the globe compete. “I think that History Day will benefit from our undersea delegation,” explained Noraa, the first Atlantean competitor. “King Neptune himself paid my way to Nationals.” We look forward to seeing what sort of waterproof projects the talented Atlantean students have produced. We can only hope their projects do not flounders.

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After Hours Happenings:
Practice your performance, hang out in the lounge, make new friends!
Minnesota Travel Adventures

Students enjoy an indoor picnic as flight is delayed

Passing the time playing card games and “feeling Grube”

Returning Team MN members introduce the Banana Dance for new teammates

Mr. H prepares to create a blindfolded balloon animal for birthday girl Delilah Mitchell

Action Jackson stresses about his checked luggage, which contained his MN History Day t-shirt collection

The super-coordinating duo handles hundreds of boarding passes
Opening Ceremony: Ken Burns Calls for “Raising the Dead”

Dozens of Minnesotan Zombies Swarm College Park

In an unconventionally freewheeling speech Sunday night, famed documentarian Ken Burns congratulated National History Day students on their achievements and analytical prowess and—with a sudden change in tone—called on them to “raise the dead.” The call to arms came as a surprise to most affiliates, but Team Minnesota was ahead of Burns. In Minnesota, the dead were already walking.

“I spotted my first zombies pretty early in the day,” offered a visibly shaken Gabe Reese. “I saw some lumbering through Terminal 2 at 3:45 a.m.” In an exclusive interview with The Bulletin, Reese shared several scenes from his harrowing experience flying out of Minneapolis–St. Paul, in which 15 undead Minnesotans boarded a D.C.-bound plane in the middle of the night.

“It was the purple hue of their shirts that stuck out,” explained Reese. “It was blinding.” In his telling, when TSA agents approached the group of staggering young historians and requested to see their boarding passes, undead students Julia Gerloff and Erin Boehme growled. When asked if he thought there was a relationship between Ken Burns’ zombie advocacy and the appearance of the Minnesotan swarm, Reese shuddered, and a forlorn look crossed his face. “I think this runs a lot deeper than we originally thought,” he said.

JUNIOR PERFORMANCE STUDENTS

8:30 a.m.—Sarah and Action will be with the van outside of Easton to load performance props. We will drive everything to Stamp and you will walk and meet us there. Please do not be late!

After results are posted (approx. 7:00 p.m.), talk to Sarah about getting your props back to the dorm.

Monday Schedule

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NO STATE MEETING

Diner Hours

Breakfast: 7:00–9:30 a.m.  Lunch: 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.  Dinner: 5:00–7:00 p.m.
Fun City Dominates Awesome Town in Hut-Hut Hoop

Last night, the opening day of the FCAT Games took place outside of Easton Hall, where two new deputies were announced. Ambassadors Sam Skinner and Sully Gunderson swiftly became rivals as the two were appointed the new deputies of Fun City and Awesome Town, respectively. The opposing communities have had a long history as each other’s foe and have been dueling since 2011, hosting summer contests to determine which city is truly the best. “Awesome Town’s victory last year has us hankering for a victory,” said a fiery Mayor Brittany. “We want nothing more than to defeat Awesome Town this year and to preserve the glory of our beloved Fun City. My people of Fun City will give them nothing and take from them everything—in short, IT’S ON!”

The fearsome warriors of Fun City responded to Mayor Brittany’s statement with a convincing victory in the hallowed game of Hut-Hut Hoop. Led by Mayor Brittany and her deputy Sam Skinner, the competitors of Awesome Town hut-hutted the ball through the hula hoop at a blazing pace, stunning their adversaries in Awesome Town.

The victorious warriors of Awesome Town

“They were great competitors today,” said Maddie Simon. “We gave it our all and we are proud of our team’s effort today, but it just wasn’t enough.” Another Awesome Town competitor, Theo Sage-Martinsen, was fired up for the games on Tuesday, “We are gonna bring back glory to Awesome Town.”

Mayor Cyrus could not be reached for comment, although eyewitnesses reported seeing him running up the stairs of Easton Hall in the early hours of Monday morning, singing the main theme from Rocky at the top of his lungs.
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Team MN Completes First Lesson of Action Jackson’s Dance Camp

Dancing and history came to life on Sunday as the 2017 dance video prepared Team MN for the Monday night dance. The impact of the video was immediate—the entire room began to shake as kids began to shuffle to Justin Timberlake’s “Can’t Stop the Feeling.” Saturday’s “Gopher of the Day,” Sebastian Helgeson, was particularly enthusiastic. Mr. History was so impressed by the dancing skills of the kids that he decided to upgrade every History Day kid to a green belt! “I earned that belt,” proclaimed Sam Kellar-Long. “Last year I avoided the Funk Hammer, but I knew it was only a matter of time before Action became my dancing spirit guide.” With the basement meeting room still overflowing with positive dance vibes, Action decided to give an encore. The lights dimmed and the master of funk gave his best ballad and sweetly sang the night away. Even though he showed his tough side in the video, Action Jackson revealed a much more compassionate and caring side, as well. Just ask his fellow alien friend Billy Bob Thorton.

Despite some tech trouble with Matt King’s twisted dongle, Action’s presence on the big screen inspired Team Minnesota to new heights of dancing enthusiasm.

Good Luck Team MN!
Minnesota History Day Juniors Make Waves in College Park

On Monday, Minnesota History Day juniors inundated nationals judges with a deluge of historical research and information. They drowned the competition through the extensive and careful use of primary source materials. And they swam safely to the shores of triumph as they danced the night away at the Armory of College Park. The Minnesota History Day staff would like to thank everyone that presented their research yesterday and to urge them to use the lighthouse of history to guide their future endeavors, lest the shroud of misinformation should envelop their subconscious like the rolling waves that brought an end to the once-proud Titanic. May the glistening stars of enlightenment guide the masts of your learning until the ocean dries from global warming.

SENIOR PERFORMANCE STUDENTS

8:30 a.m.—Sammi Jo and Brittany will be in front of Easton to load performance props into the van. We will drive everything to Stamp and you will walk and meet us there. Please do not be late!
After results are posted (approx. 7:00 p.m.), props will be loaded into the van to bring back to the dorms.

Diner Hours
Breakfast: 7:00-9:30
Lunch: 11:30 - 1:30
Dinner: 5:00 - 7:00
**Intrepid Navigator Beth Badger Lost While Scavenging In the Maryland Wilderness**

Tragedy nearly struck early Tuesday morning when Beth Badger, famed for her navigational talents, reported being lost while attempting to locate food during one of her expeditions. Normally capable of finding her way in any given situation, Beth realized the situation had become critical when she found herself unable to, per eyewitness Ernie Mattson, “find her way out of a wet paper sack.” Only through a careful set of convenient coincidences was Ms. Badger able to locate a useful trail of hungry History Day students in order to locate sustenance. Ms. Badger shamefully blamed the situation on “a bad map.”

*Editor’s note: Ms. Badger has gone missing again.*

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**August Butterworth Is Cool As A Cucumber**

*Tech Ace Handles Her Computer Issues with Ease*

Dealt the first presentation on Monday morning and with everything on the line, August Butterworth laid bare that the ice running through her veins as she tackled technology issues with an utter lack of effort. Both University of Maryland students and IT professionals struggled to figure out how to fix the sound output on August’s documentary.

As History Day Staff stepped in to help, August took charge like her namesake Caesar Augustus and parted the seas of people, quickly connecting her laptop directly to the projector with the authority and composure of a Roman Empress.

As she tapped furiously on her keyboard, the video popped up on screen as onlookers gasped in awe. Soon thereafter, Cyrus was overheard saying, “It was unbelievable. It was unlike anything I’ve ever seen before. And I’ve been to Cirque du Soleil four times.” Cyrus went on to detail his favorite Cirque moments, but the editorial team at *The Bulletin* quickly lost interest.

August would later learn she made finals for her documentary on the 1971 FBI burglary. *The Bulletin* has heard rumors that she’ll also be running tech for the final round presentations.

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**Intense Coaching Results in Interstellar Student Steps at NHD Dance**

Action Jackson is the best dancer in the history of the world and we were honored that he blessed us with a free dance lesson in preparation for the dance on Monday night. Students were quick to shake their tail feathers and whip out their stanky legs per the direction of Mr. Jackson. Here you can see the effect of his teaching as Minnesota History Day students broke out their dancing shoes last night and tore College Park up!

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**Sammi Jokes**

What rock group has four men that don’t sing?

What was the most popular dance in 1776?

Who was the biggest jokester in George Washington’s army?

What do you call a snake that studies history?

Why was the king only a foot tall?

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**Grape Vine (Parent Edition)**

“Should she end the interview by thanking the judges for volunteering, or is that too sucky-uppy?”

“Was it wrong if I asked one of the judges to add me on Snapchat? That’s a thing, right?”

“I totally snagged a selfie with Ken Burns.”
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Junior Judging Highlights

We would like to extend a huge congratulations to all of the junior projects that presented yesterday. You were all fantastic and now you finally get to relax and have some fun! Don’t forget to thank your teachers, parents, siblings, fans, and staffers for all of the support they’ve shown you over the course of your NHD journey!

Junior Final Round Schedule—Tuesday Evening—As many people as possible should attend! All events are in Stamp Student Union
5:00pm - The 1971 FBI Burglary: Taking a Stand Against Illegal Government Surveillance (Margaret Brent Room)
5:45 - Planting Seeds to End World Hunger: Norman Borlaug’s Fight Against Famine Benjamin Banneker Room)
7:45 - Temple Grandin: Taking a Stand Against Autism Stereotypes Benjamin Banneker Room)

Way to go Juniors!!!
Seniors Blow Everyone’s Mind with Projects

On a searingly hot Tuesday in College Park, History Day staff, parents, and participants were flabbergasted by the excellence of the projects our seniors presented. Such was the greatness of these projects that many audience members reported neurological damage from witnessing the proceedings. “I had never seen anything like what I saw yesterday. My mind was literally blown,” said Aria Norcross as she struggled to pick up pieces of her recently blown brain littering the floor of her Easton Hall dorm room. Zoe Campion had a similar reaction. “I’ve been looking for my left parietal lobe all evening,” she said. “Those projects blew my mind. It was unreal.”

Seriously: If anyone has seen Zoe’s left parietal lobe, please return it to the staff lounge at 7128 Easton Hall. Since this region of the brain is associated with language, it is unlikely Zoe can wholly articulate where it was blown away in the first place. Katelynn Dorschner told The Bulletin she thinks it might be located on the first floor of Stamp, near her exhibit.

Neurologists from the University of Maryland were confounded by the effect of our seniors’ amazing projects on the minds of those who viewed them. “We haven’t seen anything like this since the theatrical release of Inception,” one scientist said. We recommend that everyone wear protective helmets when viewing future projects so that their minds remain safe.
Heard Through the Grapevine

“That was petty.”

“If you can’t geek out at History Day, where can you geek out?”

“The sweaty Georgia kid is here again?”

“I just really love being judged.” “You’re nerds!” “We know!”

“Dancing is my life. Well, history is, too. And breathing. So I have a pretty busy life.”

“Sammi Jo doesn’t just photobomb. She photo-nukes.”

“Last year we felt like a team. This year is even better!”

“This McFlurry is McMediocre.”

“Do you even lift, bro?”

“We were panicking, but it was an arranged panic.”

Gabby Tselos is an Army of One

Scholars of military history are fond of using the term “army of one” to describe individuals whose heroic efforts in combat have single-handedly changed the tide of battle. Whether it be “Fighting” Jack Churchill, who entered battles in World War II armed with bagpipes and a broadsword, or Conan the Barbarian, whose exploits have been chronicled in a series of increasingly mediocre movies, history is ripe with stories of heroic exploits in the midst of carnage. So too will history remember Gabby Tselos, who heroically fielded intense questions from her judging team for 15 minutes without the help of her partner, who was unable to attend nationals. Gabby exhibited the mental dexterity of a Jeopardy champion, the calmness of a Zen master, and the poise of Queen Elizabeth II as she described the intricacies of Betty Friedan and the National Organization of Women.

History Day staffers are currently attempting to convince the University of Maryland to erect a heroic statue in Gabby’s honor in CIS 3118, which will ideally feature Gabby astride a stallion, holding a picture of the late Betty Friedan in one hand, and fist-pumping to the sky with the other. Whether or not the University of Maryland is willing to finance the creation of this 15-foot statue, one thing is certain—Gabby Tselos is an army of one.

Cyrus Hair Declares Martial Law in Awesome Town

Amidst the turmoil of James Comey’s recent testimony on Capitol Hill and Fun City’s victory in the game of Hut-Hut Hula, Cyrus Hair has declared martial law in Awesome Town. As Mayor Hair, who has governed Awesome Town for the nearly one month, explained his decision in a press briefing yesterday, “The turmoil in Washington, D.C., is such that I have decided to impose martial law on the citizens of Awesome Town until I deem it safe for standard governance to resume.” The imposition of martial law (the use of direct military force to control civilian governance) is unprecedented in the history of Awesome Town. Mayor Hair has appointed Aiko Mattie as deputy general of the town, noting that her track record of efficient work and no-nonsense attitude toward the execution of justice will help to quell the chaos that grips the city. “Awesome Town must be protected from the chaos that grips the city. “Awesome Town must be protected from the chaos around us at all costs,” Aiko said. “I won’t have this once proud city descend into anarchy.”

How’s the Tourist Challenge Going?

Rumors have been flying about Cheeto-eating squirrels and random banana dancing across Washington, D.C. Are you working on the Tourist Challenge?? Give us an update on all of your touristy adventures.
Movie Review: Packed House for Viewing of Awesome Action Fil—I Mean, Documentary

Tuesday afternoon saw a packed house in Knight Hall as Ava Methner, the director of the movie, presented her first-ever picture to the public. Reviews poured into the History Day Headquarters as audience members demanded that a sequel be made. Her film, titled Righteous, Harmonious: The Boxer Rebellion, told the story of a Chinese guerilla force that took a stand against Western influences in China. When asked for comment Ava responded, “I traveled to lands few have seen before and was able to find some awesome sources.” When asked whether or not she could reveal the locations of these far off lands, Ava replied with the intentionally mysterious answer, “No”—solely to promote intrigue, of course, as she is clearly incredibly knowledgeable. The director then threw on her signature pair of sunglasses and proceeded to walk away from the interview. Flabbergasted at the awesomeness of her directing, The Bulletin now understands why she is regarded to be so awesome.

Estimated 350,000 People Attend Junior Finalist Presentations

Iceland, Barbados, Samoa, Guam, Liechtenstein. What do all of these countries have in common? Their total human population is less than the estimated attendance of the audience that viewed the presentation of our junior finalists on Tuesday evening. It was standing room only at the Adele H. Stamp Student Union, where throngs of people fought tooth and nail for the chance to view world-class documentaries on the 1971 FBI burglary, Norman Borlaug’s fight against famine, and the work of Temple Grandin. Local authorities arrived on the scene to quell the crowds but had trouble containing the rabid fans, who would stop at nothing to glimpse these future-Oscar-winning documentaries. The picture below, of the special VIP room reserved for only the friends and family of contestants, does nothing to convey the chaos that was unfolding nearby as history fanboys and girls swarmed College Park for the chance to get a selfie with the Minnesota junior finalists.

Come One, Come All! It’s Ultimate Glow-in-the-Dark Frisbee Time!!!

Who? Team Minnesota History Day
Where? Meet outside Easton
When? Wednesday during Game Night
Why? For the thrill of life
What? It’s in the title
How? With your arms and legs
Time? See ‘When?’
What? Already told you

Senior Final Judging Times

Let’s have breakfast and get out to support our Senior Finalists! All presentations are in Stamp.

10:00 am
Benjamin Banneker Room
Oliver Paleen and Zach Glaser

10:30 am
Hoff Theater
Sam and Grace Kellar-Long
Senior Judging Highlights
Senior Finalists Spark the Audience’s Imagination

Inadvertently Start Giant Inferno in Stamp Student Union

Senior finalists from the Minnesota History Day delegation sparked the imagination of their audiences on Saturday morning, making them reflect on the intricacies of history’s greatest mysteries—but simultaneously lighting a physical fire that engulfed the first and ground floors of the Stamp Student Union. “I could feel the electricity permeating every neuron and synapse of my brain. Then I could feel the static electricity sparking across my hair to the highly flammable curtains to my right,” said audience member Kate Mahonen. The spark that lit up Kate Mahonen’s mind promptly lit the curtains on fire, which caused a panic in Stamp Student Union as the conflagration rapidly spread throughout the building.

“It was total chaos,” said Zach Glaser. “Oliver and I were just presenting our documentary when suddenly the audience started screaming. We thought they were horrified by how amazing our project was. Then it turned out the building was slowly being engulfed in flames.” Fire marshals called to the scene managed to quell the flames before much damage had been incurred. When all was said and done, the Minnesota National History Day team escaped with no injuries and all projects intact. Some are calling the whole affair “The Miracle on 3972 Campus Drive.” Somewhat ironically, though, six projects on the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire were destroyed in the blaze.

Looking for a place to find solidarity with those here at NHD? Look no further...

You can follow, like, and/or request to become an admin for the Facebook Page “NHD Probs,” where students can share in their National History Day competitor #probs. If you would like to become an admin, you may contact Lily Pope by email at 18lilypop@flaschools.org. AND if you would like to continue reading more on the wonders of NHD, look to the anonymous blog yournhdgirl.weebly.com

FOOD! (Keep in mind)

EXHIBIT STUDENTS!!!

Sarah will be waiting with the van at the top of the parking garage for you to load your exhibits (nicely packed) at 1:30pm. You may want to consider meeting her at the garage before going to eat following the awards to assure you are there at 1:30 and do not face carrying your exhibit all the way back to Easton Hall.

Breakfast (ONLY!!!): 7:00–7:30
**Note: Lunch will be your own**
Dinner will be outside of Easton Hall (weather permitting)
“Badger’s Eleven” Arrested for Smithsonian Break-In

Museum aficionado Beth Badger and her posse of ten History Day masterminds were briefly arrested early Thursday morning for attempting to infiltrate the Smithsonian Institution in order to see if the museum’s exhibits came alive at night. The group, which police have code-named “Badger’s Eleven,” comprise Alex “Locksmith” Lockwood, Eli “Wiseman” Sage-Martinson, Erika “Don’t Try Me” Peterson, Grace “Longshanks” Kellar-Long, Isabella “The Warrior” Krueger, Sam “Over Hill and” Dale-Gau, Sophia “Fast Hands” Manolis, Elsa “Frozen” Carlson, Emma “The Unstoppable” McCarthy, and Ian “Big Kronie” Kronbeck. Together, they comprise the most fearsome team Minnesota History Day has ever seen.

Grace Kellar-Long discussed the group’s actions to us in an exclusive statement, “Have you ever seen Night at the Museum or read From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler? Museums come alive at night! Could you imagine having a face-to-face with Teddy Roosevelt? We just couldn’t pass up on that opportunity.”

The members of Badger’s Eleven were released by D.C. police after hearing their explanation for trying to break into the Smithsonian. “It was kinda cute, to be honest,” an anonymous policeman said. National History Day in Minnesota staffers said they would refrain in the future from showing any museum or heist-themed films on future movie nights.

Mooster History Mistaken for Moose (Mooster History is Not An Animal)

Mooster History ran into unexpected trouble late Wednesday night when mistaken by Smithsonian National Zoo employees for an actual moose. Mooster History, it is hardly worth noting, is not an animal and has no place in a zoo, spectatorship excepted. Believed by the employees in question to be a fugitive moose on the run, Mooster History was able to avoid a nonconsensual trip to the zoo only after producing the requisite identification (i.e. a Minnesota driver’s license and a Minnesota Historical Society membership card—two items rarely held by zoo escapees).

Wednesday night’s incident wasn’t Mooster’s first encounter with zoo enforcement. At NHD 2011, while chaperoning a field trip to the National Zoo, Mooster History was confronted by a cadre of Smithsonian employees concerned that he was a recently escaped deer. It bears repeating that Mooster History is no deer, much less any other animal.

When reached by The Bulletin for comment, Mr. History noted, “Mooster History is no animal. Mooster is a member of Team Minnesota.” Mooster History, who rarely speaks, added, “If anything, I’m a party animal.” Mooster proceeded to pump up the jams.
Cold Soda Oasis Spotted Near National Mall
Thirst of Dozens Quenched

Less than a block from the National Museum of African American History and Culture, to the delight of a handful of the hundreds roaming the nearby streets of Washington, D.C., a Cold Soda oasis was spotted on Wednesday. The cold soda in question promptly sold out. The stand in question was otherwise unremarkable.

“Fun City Cheated” Proclaims Awesome Town Mayor Cyrus Hair - But Frisbee Was Still Awesome

Wednesday night was one of tension and excitement as Awesome Town and Fun City competed in a final night of games. But according to some, it was also one of duplicity. “The game was in our hands until the cheaters of Fun City replaced their balloon with a ball,” said Mayor Cyrus. “We at Awesome Town will not stand for this grave injustice.”

Mayor Cyrus’ claim has yet to be proven. But if his claim proves true, legal action could be taken against Fun City. Ball/balloon replacement is expressly forbidden according to section A4.79 of the FCAT Official Rulebook and is punishable by a fine of up to 5,000 Moose Coin.

But not everyone agrees with the assessment of Mayor Cyrus. “He’s just a sore loser,” said Mayor Brittany of Fun City. “We won fair and square! Cyrus just can’t accept the facts.” Sources close to Mayor Cyrus claim that he might seek a special prosecutor to investigate the actions of Mayor Brittany and Fun City. Agents within the F.B.I. assured our editors that this affair will be their number one priority until the truth is uncovered.

Despite this drama, Cyrus still had a lot of fun playing frisbee at game night.

Would you like to see your own story appear in the Bulletin? We’re open for submissions! We can’t guarantee publication, but we can guarantee Mooster History will read them. Because Mooster History is no animal. (Bonus: he’s literate.)

Email stories to also6750@umn.edu OR drop them off at the Staff HQ (Room 7128)

Squirrels Love to Eat Cheetos!

Mr. History reports that submissions have been received for the tourist challenge! Results on Thursday!!

Sophie Olson Consoled by Vermont Kid After Staff Ditches Her at Breakfast

When staffer Sophie Olson showed up to the diner for breakfast, she expected the usual camaraderie and companionship that has become the custom for staff dining experiences. “It’s a lot like when I was at Oxford,” explained staffer Clayton, “except that the building isn’t 600 years old and I’m not wearing a tuxedo.” However, Sophie was running about 10 minutes behind schedule due to the yoga routines needed to drain her sinuses. She had barely peeled her the banana, when Mr. History said, “We gotta go—destiny awaits us in Stamp.” As a flash of turquoise departed The Diner, the stunned Sophie heard these comforting words. “It will be OK,” said a Vermont kid, “you can hang out with us and talk about cheesy eggs. We are big fans!”
Wednesday Adventures Are Adventurous
Stampede at Awards Ceremony Wreaks Havoc at Xfinity Center

Injuries Minimal Thanks to Heroic Effort of Mooster History

The Parade of States is a hallowed tradition and fitting introduction to the beginning of the National History Day awards ceremony. Affiliate programs throughout the country (and world) showcase their pride by shouting state slogans, advertising local symbols, and making more noise than is generally necessary. At the 2017 awards ceremony, though, pandemonium reigned supreme when the delegation from Arkansas unleashed a pack of wild Razorbacks upon the unexpecting crowds. The Razorback, a feral pig that serves as the mascot of the University of Arkansas, is a dangerous animal in the wild and one that often goes into fits of uncontrolled frenzy when exposed to groups of large people walking in circles.

As the pack of wild Razorbacks rampaged through the Xfinity Center, all seemed lost. “We didn’t know what to do,” Audrey Faricy said. “All hope seemed lost. That is, until we saw him, standing as a beacon of divine light among us.” The “him” in that sentence was Mooster History, whose affinity with both humans and animals allowed him to calm the Razorbacks, put them on leashes, and ride them around the Xfinity Center as an homage to the reindeer that pull Santa’s sleigh. Mooster History could not be reached for comment, although his spokesperson Kathleen Grube offered the following statement, “He’s not a hero. Actually, wait. Scratch that. He totally is. Mooster History is totally a hero.”

Knock, Knock, Room Judging!

The Results

Top 4 (in no particular order)

- Action Jackson’s Hula Dance Camp
- Los Deuces Dulces (...but would probably come in 2nd)
- “Art Gallery”
- Mooster Histories Fantastically Fun Fan Trivia

Honorable Mentions

Grube Speakeasy, MN Museum, Pi Challenge Room, Wicked (Broadway 101), Mr. Mystery, Billy Bob’s Button Casino, Balloon Smithsonian

They hula’d. They barred entry to FBI crime scenes. They bellowed like oxen. Thursday night saw Team Minnesota decorate their dorm rooms and bribe their judges with such gusto the walls quaked and the staffers’ veins coursed thick with sugar.

The 2017 dorm-decorating contest was the final mind-blowing event in a week of brain-busting experiences. The judges wish the heartiest congratulations to the decorating contestants and pray never to encounter any candy ever again.
Like any good National History Day student, accomplished 5th-grader Donatello Coldstone labored for months on his exhibit. Like any other proud member of Team Minnesota, Donatello boarded an early morning D.C.-bound flight out of Minneapolis last weekend and traveled to College Park for Nationals. Like any other high-achieving exhibitor, Donatello gave a flawless interpretation of his research to judges on Monday. But something about Donatello’s project, “Inferring firing rates from local field potentials in the human subthalamic nucleus,” felt off.

“I didn’t really understand how Donatello’s project fit the theme Taking a Stand,” said NHD judge Nigel Thornbunny. “To be perfectly candid, I’m not entirely sure how he made it to Nationals in the first place. There was very little history in his exhibit. Or maybe I just didn’t get it—there were a lot of big words.”

That’s because unlike his Easton dorm-mates, Donatello thought he was competing at the National Science Fair. And for reasons as yet unbeknownst to the universe, he somehow didn’t notice he was at the wrong competition until Thursday morning’s award ceremony.

“It sure seemed like a lot of the specialty awards were history-themed,” explained Donatello in an exclusive interview with The Bulletin. “And then I glanced at the jumbotron and it dawned on me: HD stood for ‘History Day’, not ‘Hippocampus Day’.”

A visibly embarrassed Donatello was last seen teaching mammalian neuroanatomy to Mooster History.

Matt King Departs Early to Save World

As the festivities of the History Day Awards Ceremony wound to a close, the popular Minnesota History Day Coordinator Matt King, sensing his work here as done, departed from our midests.

Before he left, he gave an inspirational speech that moved all who heard it to tears, encapsulating the true meaning of History Day and inspiring our future Minnesotan historians to move on to greater things. The last person who reported speaking to him, a Ms. Javeriah Chughtai, reports that his final words were that “He had to go, his planet needed him.” With this cryptic message, he slipped away, no doubt to continue his good work elsewhere. Good luck, Matt, and we hope that somewhere in a galaxy far away, you will think of Team Minnesota!
Mr. History: The Man, The Myth, The Legend

Many states have attempted to provide their lead coordinators with memorable nicknames, but only one nickname truly resonates among them all: Mr. History. For twenty-nine years, Tim Hoogland has led the program for Minnesota. When he became coordinator, only a few hundred kids participated in this still nascent event. Under his guidance, the program has exploded in size, and as of 2017, over thirty-thousand kids participate annually. Minnesota’s History Day program has become a model for other states’, with many coordinators visiting Minnesota just to see how things are done.

Of course, native Minnesotans know the true source of Tim’s power: his goatee and hat. The stuff of legends, Minnesota History Day students have for decades invoked these icons in order to bring good luck to their History Day endeavors. During the blinding heat of the week, Mr. History’s goatee shined in the sun, blinding anyone who dared to look at it. When kids became lost in the wild jungles of the University of Maryland, all they had to look for was Mr. History’s hat, so bedecked in buttons that one could see it from a thousand miles away. Tim’s legacy will always be felt in the state of Minnesota and in NHD writ large. And though he has been with the program for twenty-nine years, Mr. History is just getting started.

Heard Through the Grapevine

“History Day is my sport.”

“Did you guys see Sully’s parkour? It’s amazing.”

“We’re the pickles still there?” “We think they’re pickle jerky at this point.”

“At some point, I will no longer be the whiniest member of the staff. That day is NOT today.”

“Must… rub… the turtle. We’ll get in trouble if we don’t rub all the turtles.”

“What are these called again? Muffins?” “Those are muffins.”

“Those two are married. They always have to be with each other.”

“Can’t have too much Tropica to feed a goat.”

“I hear Moozer was offered a full ride to the University of Maryland by National History Day.”

Friday Schedule: (This is IMPORTANT!)
5:00 Breakfast
5:15 Bus Arrival
5:15 Load Bus (upon arrival)
5:45 Bus Departs

FOOD! (Keep in mind) (and body)

Breakfast will be available from 5 to 5:45 am on 1st floor.
*Coffee available around 5:10am via Sarah*
Friday Awards Are Rewarding.