

Mideast crisis comes to USC

USC class creates model UN

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After three hours of caucusing last Wednesday, GINT 330, a.k.a. the United Nations Security Council, approved a resolution to end the crisis in the Middle East.

They might have been frustrated with the rules and strict procedure that is part of the U.N.'s diplomatic etiquette, but students in Professor Roger Coate's two GINT 330 classes, Understanding the Origin of International Organizations, are learning through hands-on experience.

"The resolution-making process goes on forever and ever. Nobody agrees on anything, and it takes a long time to get anything accomplished," political science senior Renee Howell said, adding that if she was on the real U.N. Security Council, she would definitely go crazy.

The students, usually in groups of two, represented the 20 countries on the U.N. Security Council. The delegations huddled in intense conversation on the floor, on benches and in every corner of Gambrell Hall's fourth floor minutes before the official meeting began in a large-tabled room down the hall.

These quick discussions among the delegations occurred throughout the three-hour event and were the root of all accomplishments made during the meeting just as caucuses are essential in real U.N. decision-making.

"So many people don't know how the U.N. operates. In regular classroom discussion, we couldn't get this angle on it," in-



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(left to right) Delegations from Malaysia, U.S.S.R., U.K. and the U.S. participate in United Nations simulation for Professor Roger Coate's GINT 330 class.

terdisciplinary studies senior Debbie Granger said.

Coate, who participated in a professor/diplomat exchange program with the U.N. last year, provided the students with real newsclippings about events occurring in the Middle East and also created news to make the emergency assembly of the U.N. Security Council necessary. For instance, Coate's mock press releases to his class stated that Jordan's King Hussein "was recovering rapidly from gun-shot wounds received earlier this week in an aborted assassination attempt."

He said the mock resolution-making has the four primary benefits for students. These positive aspects include helping students better understand the decision-making process of the U.N. and

happenings in the Middle East now and in the past, helping them understand the limits of governments trying to act alone and together, and teaching them how to do research.

The classes went to Thomas Cooper Library to dig for key U.N. voting records, documents and background on the Middle East. They also researched the social, political and economic histories of the Security Council member countries to understand existing bonds between U.N. member countries and, therefore, make authentic decisions.

After adjusting to U.N. procedure, the Council decided on an agenda and determined the order of presentation of resolutions.

Near the beginning of the meeting, Romania dropped its resolution, placing Cuba's resolu-

tion presentation first. After Cuba presented its resolution, Colombia and Kuwait chose to speak for, while Iraq spoke against, the resolution. It was denied 12-3.

The United States, France, the United Kingdom and China presented the resolution that passed, 11-4. The resolution, among other things, demanded the Iraqi government withdraw from Kuwait, cease guerilla support, restore Kuwait's legitimate government and end attempts to overthrow Jordan's government.

Students interested in participating in simulated United Nations action can join USC's Model United Nations club. The group will go to New York for the national meeting in the spring, Model U.N. President Ruth Ramesdale said.

NAACP

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one of the many scholarships the NAACP offers such as the Agnus Jones Jackson, Ray Wilkins or the William's scholarship, which is available to members who plan to major in either science or engineering.

The requirements for joining include good academic standing and a fee of \$3 each semester or \$5 each year. If the person wishes to participate for the year, he will receive the organization's magazine, *Crises*.

Currently, with Brockington as president, USC's NAACP has over 250 members. Brockington is planning public forums dealing with racial issues, effects of the homeless and AIDS in the black com-

munity. The association is currently supporting the voter registration drives.

Chartered by Andrew Chisolm at USC in 1980, the chapter has received many membership awards. Another convention will take place in Myrtle Beach October 12-14.

The NAACP is growing to ensure the rights of minorities and to learn more about the black experience of living in a predominately white country. "The NAACP has allowed me to learn more about my Afro-American self, history and culture in the last three years than I have learned in my entire life," Sweat said.

Theater

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Donlan brings a fire into the character that makes one realize and understand Turing's obsessions with mathematics and knowledge. His portrayal lets one see that Turing just wants to fit in somewhere but refuses to conform to society's ideas of how he should act.

The performance is also made much more credible by Thomas Becker, a first year master of fine arts student, who plays the police inspector who discovers Turing's sexual preference. Becker's character has a hard shell and a devotion to his job and to the truth. Becker brings humanity into the character and is excellent in the part.

E. Timna Guerchon, a second year master of fine arts student, is also very well cast as Pat Green, Turing's close female friend who falls in love with him. Guerchon

makes the character lovable and one almost hates Turing when he rejects her love.

The best part of the play comes in the second half when Turing gives a series of speeches that show the depths of his passion for mathematics. Donlan shows such power in these scenes that it makes the plot that much more credible.

Even though *Breaking the Code* has quite a few humorous moments that keep the story from being too serious, it is not a comedy.

It is more than just a biography. It is a study of an individual who tries to find his place in a conformist's world. It is more than worth the price of admission.

Admission is \$9 for the public, \$8 for faculty, staff, and senior citizens, and \$5 for students. The play will be at Drayton Hall September 26-30.

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