



The CURLEY Chronicle

JHU Model UN Conference XXII

By Luke Tollen '19

This year the Curley Model United Nations team participated in the John Hopkins University Model United Nations Conference in February. The conference held 31 different committees with several topics to discuss. There were over 2,000 students to participate in the conference. The Curley team was designated the country of Costa Rica to study and act as during the conference. The conference started on February 7th and ended on the 10th. The Curley team spent the entire year studying Costa Rica to better learn the government, the environment, the economy, and culture. The team started back in November when they learned that they were assigned to represent Costa Rica. Nearly every club member had a different committee in which they would study Costa Rica. For instance, one our students was representing Costa Rica in the World Health Organization while another represented Costa Rica in the International Finance Corporation. Though Costa Rica was the team's overall country, many students had specialized committees.

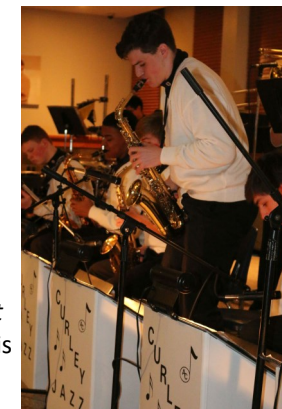


Students were given committees that were very specific in design. Two students represented House of Representatives in which they argued about reforming the Prison-Industrial Complex and Campaign Finance Reform. Another member represented South Africa in which a regime inside South Africa fought with the government and even declared that Nelson Mandela was a terrorist. Alternate history plays a large role in Model UN. My committee was the Dissolution of Yugoslavia. I played the role of Janez Janša who was a news editor for his magazine called "Democracy." Our goal as a Committee was discuss the future of Yugoslavia by introducing ideas on fixing its government and its problem with racial tensions. My character's argument was that democracy and capitalism would be a better way to lead the country after the death of Yugoslav leader Tito.

All That Curley Jazz

By Michael Racosky '22

All That Curley Jazz is an event performed at Curley every year. Curley Jazz was originally one group, but demand caused the formation of another group, Jazz Lab, as there was not enough room for everyone interested in band. It was also decided that the two Groups should cooperate together to show the prowess of the two bands. Ever since 1996, *All That Curley Jazz* has been a staple of the Curley music calendar. As of today, there are four bands that perform in *All That Curley Jazz*: Jazz Lab, Jazz Ensemble, the Curley Alumni Jazz, and a guest band. This year's guest band is *Mekong Xpress & The Get Fresh Horns*, with Alumnus John Kuhl '91. *All That Curley Jazz* is an interesting show that is worth one's time.



This year's show was made special by the announced retirement of Mr. David Stauffer, music instructor and director of the bands for over 30 years. The Alumni Jazz Band recognized Mr. Stauffer's contribution to Curley when Charles Wilson '90 spoke about Mr. Stauffer's impact on his life and made a presentation. The band then played "Randi", a song close to Mr. Stauffer's heart.



Members of Jazz Lab include:

- Alto Sax: Scott Giampa, Ethan Fabyan, Gregory Majerowicz;
- Tenor Sax: Kobe Davis;
- Baritone Sax: Sam Zito.
- Trombone: Jacob Brown, Abe Walz, Nathan Barton.
- Baritone Horn: Chritian Thomas.
- Trumpet: Kyle Walker, Ryan Torres, Gaddiel Handy, Joseph Nakasone.
- Piano: Michael Mann.

- Bass: Josh Aung
 - Set: Kamron O'Banner.
 - Toys: Ryan Seay, Joe Schlee.
 - Sound: Davonte Carter
 - Guitar: Holden Bower.
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All That Curley Jazz (continued...)

Members of the Jazz Ensemble include:

Alto Saxophone: Michael Gardiner, Scott Giampa;

Tenor Sax: Paul Lewis, Sam Walter;

Baritone Sax: Russell Reside.

Trombone: Connor Draper, Lucas Campbell,

Tyler Robinson, Michael Mann

Bass Trombone: Ryan Seay.

Trumpet: Tony Smith, Joseph Nakasone, Jack Davis,
Nate Hohensee, Kyle Walker.

Piano: Jose Schlee;

Guitar: Sam Zito;

Bass: Zeke Ober;

Set: Kyle McElwee;

Toys: Nathan Quinn.

Sound: Davonte Carter.

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My committee fell into political turmoil fast. The debate over ideology consumed everyone in the room and factions, called blocs in Model UN, were created. It was quickly discovered that democracy and capitalism were being ruled out as options for the nation. Janša was a Slovenian national, so I pledged my loyalty to my people by making friends with other members who were Slovenes and we elected a president and liberated our nation from Yugoslavia creating an independent nation. Even though we were no longer involved with Yugoslavia, we helped in civil disputes and in policy to ensure a greater relationship between Yugoslavia and Slovenia. Once again, tensions grew larger.

Near the end of the conference, Yugoslavia fell into crisis. The Soviet Union launched an attack on all of Yugoslavia and prior Yugoslavian countries. I, as Janša, made a choice to contact the United States to seek military aid. We held a conference and spoke with George H. W. Bush, who was a JHUMUNC staff member, and we decided that the U.S. will help Yugoslavia with troops and navy. Eventually, I also reached out to the USSR to hold peace talks about the war. Luckily, the offer was accepted and we had a ceasefire.

With a ceasefire, the end of full-scale turmoil ended in Yugoslavia. The rest of the committee was filled with civil issues such as other nations leaving Yugoslavia. At the end of the conference, I was proud to have peacefully freed my home nation of Slovenia to better help my people. This conference taught me the values to peaceful resolution of conflict, which is one of Curley's Franciscan ideals.. With those skills, people saw me as a man of the people which I often used to my advantage. This conference is home to me, and it shows me my interests in politics and solving global problems. I would like to recommend any students interested in the club to contact Mr. Dziedzic or Ms. Tisdale.

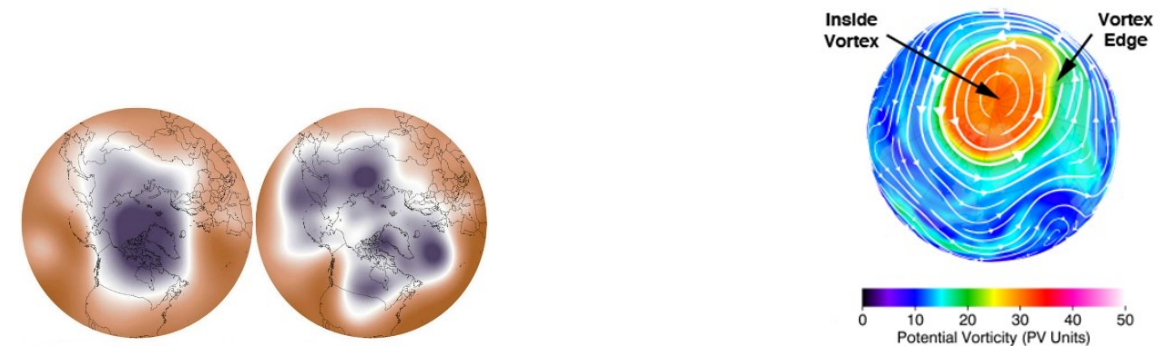
Students Participating: Jack Davis, Kyrian Elekwachi, Michael Gardiner, John Mitcherling, Joseph Nakasone, Adam Peck, Sean Roesner, James Sandoval, JP Silvierra, Christian Thomas, Luke Tollen.

Trump Denies Global Warming in Recent Tweet

By Wyatt Peters '19

Donald Trump openly denies global warming in a recent Twitter post. The post reads, "In the beautiful Midwest, wind chill temperatures are reaching minus 60 degrees, the coldest ever on record. In coming days, expected to get even colder. People can't go outside even for minutes. What is going on with Global Warming? Please come back fast, we need you!" I get that Trump is a huge fan of factories and bringing back the blue collar American workers, but global warming is doing great damage to our climate and weather. I have found an article by *Inside Climate News* that explains why Trump's tweet is factually incorrect.

The Polar Vortex is known for bringing extreme cold to our region and if you do not believe in global warming, you may use this as evidence to prove global warming is a hoax (because things appear to be getting colder, not warmer!). A recent study shows that when a Polar Vortex enters our country, it actually is aided by global warming. Normally, the Polar Vortex winds high above the surface are concentrated to the North Pole region. These cold snaps usually never have the same intensity. However, recently they have been slightly weaker but last longer than normal. The study shows as the sea ice melts, it allows for the heat stored in the water to break through and enter the stratosphere. When in the atmosphere, it creates a disturbance and causes the concentration to separate. This allows the colder air to dip down into the Continental United States more often than normal. Even though we do have these cold snaps, the planet as a whole is getting warmer.



Why is the planet getting warmer faster than anticipated? Some of the leading causes of the planet getting warmer include natural warming and cooling cycles throughout the history of the earth and the release of greenhouse gases. Most Republicans deny that our factories have anything to do with the temperature of the earth getting warmer. However factories do release carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. This means when the heat from the sun enters our atmosphere, more of the heat is being confined inside of the atmosphere and less and less heat is escaping the atmosphere.

Politics aside, we all need to wake up to the truth and realize the climate is changing and humans are playing a role in speeding up the process. The weather patterns are different because of it. We are seeing more major flooding due to the ice melting at the poles. We can gripe all we want about it, but if we do not make major improvements, our favorite beach spot may not be there anymore.



Venezuela Update By Aiden Berkenkemper '22

This is an update article on the Venezuela crisis which has been plaguing that country for months. As of now the controversial president Nicolas Maduro is still in power but most officials claim that his days in office are suspected to be closing in. His opposition is the young yet powerful politician known by Juan Guaido who has been Venezuela's self proclaimed interim president since January of this year.

In the time following the last edition Interm President Guaido has left the country to enable him to meet with various world leaders including the presidents of Brazil, Paraguay, Argentina, Ecuador, and most notably Vice President of the United States Mike Pence. Guaido has asked for the citizens of Venezuela to protest once again on Monday March 4. This puts his safety into question and sets Guaido up to be detained when returning home. This is very similar to when Leopoldo Lopez was detained after calling for protests against the government in 2014. With the violence growing between Venezuelan citizens and their current leadership, the economy is crippling. Countries such as Panama are struggling because they can no longer get cheap oil because of the embargo against Venezuela. While the economic crisis is not going anywhere, military intervention is becoming more and more plausible. This week Russia and the United States had a meeting in the hope of avoiding the bloodshed that would be caused by this event. For now we once again have to wait and see if the events following March 4th will impact this ongoing crisis.

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The 2019 Oscars

By Patrick McDonald '20

The 2018 Academy Awards Ceremony was certainly one to remember. For the first time since 1989, the ceremony did not feature a host. Instead, Queen opened the show as the best attempt to open without a host. The ceremony also featured a few firsts in different categories. Ruth E. Carter and Hannah Bleacher won Oscars for Costume Design and Production Design, respectively, for *Black Panther*. It marked the first time an African American won an Oscar in either category. Finally, the standout moment of the night goes to Bradley Cooper and Lady Gaga's performance of *The Shallow* from their movie *A Star is Born*. The performance became an overnight sensation due to the passion and soul they displayed when performing the song. The 2019 Oscars certainly outdid all expectations. Seeing as it could only be compared to the infamous 1989 Oscars which featured a tap dancing Rob Lowe to start the show, the ceremony only had up to go. The performance by Queen was a smart way to go, not only starting the show with excitement, but also honoring the late, great Freddie Mercury, whom Rami Malik portrayed in *Bohemian Rhapsody*. The different celebrities, events, and awards made this Oscars far better than its 1989 counterpart.



Terence Hare '19, a member of St. Francis Xavier Parish, received the Mother Mary Lange Youth Award for 2019. Archbishop Lori presented him with the award at a Mass celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the Josephite Order. Terence served that Mass which took place at the Basilica of the Assumption of Mary in downtown Baltimore. The Mother Mary Lange Award honors those who make a contribution to the life of their parish.

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Winter Sports Awards

By Mitchell Frye '20

The Winter Sports Awards Assembly was held on Tuesday, February 26. The coaches for each sport and level gave a speech about the team's season and some of the highlights. The coaches then called up the teams, who received their letters and pins, and awarded two Varsity athletes with special awards.

The Basketball awards were given to Travis Dobbins, who received Outstanding Student Athlete, and Tylanvis Lawson, who received Most Improved Athlete. The Ice Hockey awards were given to Joey Allen, who received Unsung Hero, and Jack Baynes, who received Most Improved. The Indoor Track awards were given to Will Hanna-Leverett, who received Most Valuable Runner, and Ian Hoffman, who received Most Valuable Athlete. The Swimming awards were given to Michael Gardiner, who received Most Valuable Swimmer, and Luke Matoska, who received Most Improved Swimmer. The Wrestling awards were given to Mike Vargas, who received Most Valuable Wrestler, and Garrett Butt, who received Most Improved Wrestler.

Some highlights from the winter sports are the Wrestling team having two ranked wrestlers at the state level, the Indoor Track 4x200 Meter Relay team of Kyrian Elekwachi, Bryon Wise, Nate Rollins, and Julian Howard, who won the state championships with a time of 1:35.68, and the Swim team's 4x100 Meter Freestyle team of Chris Knorr, Reed Barra, Michael Gardiner, and Jack Stover, who broke the school record 5 times and now have a time of 3:58.93.

The evening ended with a reception for the athletes and their families. It would not be a Sports Awards Assembly if Mr. Hatton did not remind the athletes that a lot of what they do would not be possible if it were not for Mr. Billy Benton, who washes the uniforms. Mr Benton received an ovation from all of the athletes present.



Wrestling



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Indoor Track



Basketball



Ice Hockey



Swimming



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Photos of Fresh Soph Baseball by Tom Xuan Loc Doan '22 (When weather permitted)



**Freshmen-Sophomore
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April 5 from 8—11 PM
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The Ski and Snowboard Club on Liberty Mountain trip.

Pictured are: Nick Lawry, Austin Burford, Ms. Bridget Sica, Matt Lawry, and Ray Smythe.

The Offseason in Major League Baseball By Camden Sigmon '22

This MLB offseason has been very remarkable. We have been faced with dragged out free agency and possible rule changes. Many free agents have yet to sign such as Dallas Keuchel and Adam Jones. The free agency market this year was a total bust for most players because of the time that it took the two stars Manny Machado and Bryce Harper to sign. The teams were waiting to see if they could get one of the two stars and if they could then that would be most of the money that they would spend for this free agency as Manny and Bryce both signed for over \$300 million dollars. Many good players will be signed and are still waiting for one phone call to further their career with a team that is willing to give them a chance to play the sport they love.

This offseason also brought up some interesting topics about rule changing such as moving the pitchers mound and a time clock for every pitch. The committee has debated either moving the mound back or lowering the incline of the mound due to the fact that pitchers are dominating today's game. They want to move it back to make for more hits and for a more entertaining game for the fans. They also talked about introducing a pitch clock to the game. This would involve a certain time limit for a pitcher to throw a pitch. Proponents think that baseball would be more entertaining if it were faster. More conservative people would favor letting the game be played out instead of trying to change the game. But more modern fans would like to change the game to be more entertaining because they see a lack of interest in kids baseball. Most kids today would rather play a quicker sport than baseball. They have gone to playing soccer, basketball, and lacrosse as other options because they think that a faster sport is more interesting. These committees are hoping that these rules will get more kids to be interested in baseball at a younger age. These changes would create more exciting games and quicker games which is just what the kids want.

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