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THE QUIZZING QUIZ

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After a long day of diplomatic discussions and MUN debates, the delegates at SAIMUN were ready for some lighthearted competition. Last night, the stage was set at the Royal Marine Hotel for the annual SAIMUN Table Quiz. Little did we know, we were about to witness a quiz that would rival the intensity of the most dramatic political summits.

The excitement was palpable as over 20 teams of eager quizzers gathered in anticipation, but no one could have predicted the drama that would unfold. The quiz kicked off with a competitive edge, and by round three, The 6 and a Half Angry Men were sitting comfortably in the lead. They were cruising along with confidence, serenely answering questions like seasoned pros. It looked like nothing could stop them... until the last round hit.

In a shocking turn of events, The 6 and a Half Angry Men were suddenly dethroned and dropped to second place. The air was thick with tension as the last round unfolded like a high-stakes political negotiation. Were they betrayed by their own strategic errors? Only time (and a few more rounds of questions) would tell. But what's a quiz without a little controversy? The most controversial moment of the night came courtesy of none other than The 6 and a Half Angry Men themselves. Six and a half? Really? You can only have six members per team in a quiz—everybody knows that. So, what do we have here? A team of eight? Was this a covert strategy to outnumber their opponents? Or just a case of a group being too enthusiastic about quiz night? Regardless, the sheer audacity left everyone speechless.

In another corner of the room, there was a team with a name so bold, so... controversial, that it had to be changed halfway through the night. Enter: Doyler's Little Boys. A great name, for sure, but maybe just a little... suspicious. After some stern looks and chuckles, the team's name was altered to the far more suitable The Doyler Squad. Crisis averted, but the laughs? They kept coming.

The quiz took a musical turn when one of the 6 and a Half Angry Men (still technically in second place, mind you) decided to show off his cultural pride and belt out the Irish classic "Waterline." The room erupted in applause. A standing ovation, perhaps? But no, we were all just that proud to hear him represent our country in the quiz arena. As he finished his rendition, there was no question about it: he made us proud. If only there were a category for 'Best Performance'—he'd be taking home the gold.

Amid the drama, there was one shining star: Andrew Heather. This quiz night hero delivered what can only be described as the most iconic windmill joke the room had ever heard. It was so hilarious that people were practically dropping dead of laughter. To top it off, Andrew earned himself a free creme egg for his efforts. A well-deserved reward for comedic brilliance, if there ever was one.

The quiz wrapped up with a flourish. The final standings were as follows:

1st place: Oi Oi Oi – a well-deserved victory!

2nd place: The 6 and a Half Angry Men – despite their dramatic fall, they fought valiantly.

3rd place: Paul Higgins’ Fan Club – a team made up of Terenure and ETSS Wicklow boys, proving that you don’t need to be angry to succeed (but maybe a windmill joke wouldn’t hurt).

And let’s not forget the epic prizes. First-place winners walked away with SAIMUN hoodies, second-place winners proudly held special student officer pens, and third-place winners received the coveted SAIMUN water bottle. It was a night of not just knowledge, but also of triumph, teamwork, and a little bit of chaos.

A massive shout-out to Elliot and Elisa for hosting the event and keeping the energy high and the drama even higher. This quiz will surely go down in SAIMUN history as one of the most unforgettable nights—filled with laughs, surprises, and maybe just a little bit of scandal.

So, will The 6 and a Half Angry Men return next year to reclaim their crown? Only time (and more quiz rounds) will tell. But one thing is for sure: SAIMUN's quiz night will never be the same again!



BEHIND THE SCENES AT SAIMUN

So many people participate in SAIMUN every year, but the show could not run without the wonderful behind-the-scenes people who help the whole thing run smoothly.

Admins do many different jobs; for example, the people running the tuck shop raise money for the conference to happen. They also promote charities like GOAL. Some of the younger admins pass notes between the delegates, count votes, open doors, and arrange badges to be distributed. They joined because it is a great way to see how MUN works and serves as a stepping stone to becoming a delegate next year.

Another key figure in helping MUN is the head of the ICT department, Max. He has been involved in MUN for three years; he started as an admin in his second year and has been head of ICT for the past two years. As head of ICT, he does everything from fixing printers to managing all the conference software so resolutions can be passed smoothly.

He says he really enjoys it, even though it's sometimes a bit stressful.

The press in MUN plays an important role in recording and informing people about what occurred in MUN each day. The head of Press, Anna, joined the press because she really wanted to be a part of MUN but in a way that didn't involve public speaking. She makes sure The Delegate is released on time every day, as well as handling the layout and design of the newspaper. She also enjoys taking all the photos for The Delegate and ensuring we write all the articles (such as this one). The press is a great way to meet new people, either by interviewing or working with them. Even though she's a sixth year, she would love to do it again once more.

The delegates also believe that MUN is run very well by the admins and other associates. They believe that they wouldn't change a thing when given the chance.



MEET THE DEPUTY SEC GENs



Hi, I'm Keelin O'Carroll. I'm one of the five Deputy Secretaries General and Head Chair of the DISEC committee. I started MUN in fourth year because I was surrounded by people who were doing MUN. I feel like MUN is such a big part of the school, and if you don't participate, you're missing out on a significant aspect of Andrews. All my friends were doing it too, which added to my interest. I think MUN has given me many skills that I can use in the future. It's helped me with my public speaking and talking in front of people like it's nothing. The very first time I spoke was during an amendment, and it was so scary; I was shaking, but Sadhbh was there supporting and encouraging me. One piece of advice I would give is that everyone in the room wants you to succeed; no one wants you to fail. Especially when everyone is older than you, it can be really scary. Now that we're the ones organizing SAIMUN, it's much clearer that everyone wants you to succeed, and we're all trying to help and encourage you. Learn for yourself, and once you start to speak, it will be less daunting.

Hi, I'm John Celano. I'm also the president of the Security Council, which means that I run the Security Council. My brother did MUN, and I thought he was really cool back in the day, so I decided to do it as well. My friends were also participating, so I thought, "Why not?" MUN hasn't influenced what I'd like to do in the future; I'm more of the math type, so I'm probably going to go into engineering. SAIMUN last year was one of my best memories; I was in the Security Council representing the UK, holding a wine glass while shouting at the delegate of Russia. It was great fun. The best piece of advice I would give is to get yourself out there and use all the confidence you have. As long as you come across as a lively person who has a bit of personality when you're speaking, you'll go far.

Hi, my name is Sadhbh. I'm one of the Co-Deputy Secretary Generals, so we are the head chairs and helped in the run-up to SAIMUN as well. I started MUN because I was dragged into it by a girl in my year, instead of waiting around in the corridor for hockey. Over time, and just by doing it repeatedly, I grew to love it. MUN has given me an interest in international relations, and it helped me to understand debate, law, and how humans interact with each other. One of my best memories is from one of my first-ever conferences, where I was thrown completely into the deep end. It holds a special place in my heart. I remember ROCKMUN, where all the fifth years were running around asking, "Why haven't we researched our topics?" I was thinking, "I don't even know what the topic is." It was really fun, though. The best thing to do is get involved; if you just get put there, make as many POIs as you can, and you'll look back on it and be really happy with what you've accomplished. So, just get involved and do as much as you can early on.

Hi, I'm Patrick Fanning. I'm a Deputy Secretary General, and I'm also the Head Chair of SOCHUM. I started MUN to get more involved in school, and a good few of my friends were doing it. I also have an interest in international relations and everything related to it. I think it would be interesting to pursue a career in international politics- I'd like to make a difference on the issues we constantly discuss in MUN. One of my favorite memories in MUN was the Hague- there was such a unique, positive environment with delegates from all different schools and from every corner of the globe, I loved talking to everyone I met and learning about where they came from. The foodhalls were also a highlight. One piece of advice I'd give is to be constructive and kind to your fellow delegates; encourage them, and you'll receive the same support back.

Hi, my name is Aidan Leahy. I am one of the five Deputy Secretary Generals here, and along with John Celano, we are the presidents of the Security Council. I started MUN back in first year; well, I knew about it in first year, before COVID. I used to see all the sixth years standing outside Mr. Hehir's office, and I was really intrigued by what this whole thing was. One of the few benefits of COVID was that I was able to start MUN online in second year. My first-ever conference was SAIMUN online, and I really enjoyed it. MUN has provided me with many experiences that have opened my eyes to a whole different world of international relations and foreign affairs. That's why I know what I want to do in the future now, and I'm one of the few people I know in MUN who actually wants to pursue politics or international relations. Most are chemists, weirdly enough, or they pursue science. I would love to be a diplomat or work in something related to that—basically, work in MUN for the rest of my life; I would love that. My best memory has been meeting new people and making friends that I'm still in contact with. There's nothing better than receiving a message from somebody I met at a conference weeks or even years ago. Speaking of that, I need to get back to someone who emailed me asking for help. I would recommend attending as many MUN conferences as possible. The more you do, the better your skills will become. Really go for the milestones; I remember when I got my first resolution passed, the first time I spoke in GA, and then doing a resolution in GA. The pinnacle was probably receiving the award as the Ambassador for Best Delegation in SAIMUN last year. That really meant a lot because I remember all the times when I was a younger delegate, and I was really eager to earn that recognition but didn't get it. So, I was glad that I got it in the end. Keep trying, and you'll improve over time.

OUR HEAD OF APPROVAL PANEL

How long have you been in MUN?

I've been in MUN since my 3rd year, and I'm in my 5th year now, so that's 2 years.

What's your favorite thing about MUN?

I've really liked making friends—the social aspect. This probably isn't the best aspect of MUN, but I really like it. I enjoy meeting people from different countries and other schools.

What is your role in MUN?

I'm the head of the approval panel. Basically, the delegates will lobby, create a resolution, and send it to their chairs. The chairs will check it over and then send it to the approval panel. We just make sure it's formatted correctly; we don't change any of the content.

What would you like to change about MUN?

Not much; I think it's set up well. For SAIMUN, it would be nice to have more different countries involved, but it's pretty soon after the "Hague," so I understand that there aren't as many countries.

Would you like to incorporate more internationalism?

Yes, because our numbers went down after COVID.

What's your favourite MUN memory?

I was lucky enough to be Head of approval panel at the annual THIMUN conference. although it was stressful at times I made lifelong friends and I hope to return next year!



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

This year at SAIMUN, we are delighted to welcome students from all over the world, including Türkiye, Istanbul, America, and many more. I caught up with some of them to find out how they are finding this year's conference!

Firstly, I caught up with Bogac Izmit (SCONF) and Ali Alic (E&E). They have flown in from Turkey and come from Terakki School. Bogac says his favorite thing about MUN is the 'intellectual debate' that ensues at these conferences. Bogac and Ali excitedly told me about how they spent yesterday in the City Centre. They went to the Disney Store and bought lightsabers for themselves. Surprisingly, our conversation concluded with the pair raving about the Irish gloomy weather, stating that they love it, as in Turkey they experience many heatwaves, and they enjoy the grey sky.

After rigorous debate in E&E, I luckily got to catch up with Elis Rey from St. Edward's in America. Elis also enjoys MUN for its debate and various discussions about world problems. She says St. Edward's students have gone on many tours since arriving in Ireland, as they also went to the City Centre the other day and took a trip down to the Rock of Cashel in County Tipperary. Elis Rey had fun at last night's table quiz and had the pleasure of meeting other delegates in a casual and enjoyable setting, rather than in debate.

All delegates I interviewed seemed to agree that SAIMUN is a great place to make friends and create friendships that transcend borders!







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