

Senator Krueger Discusses Importance of Ambassadors

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"Bodies floating in rivers are not newsworthy," the reporter's voice on the other end of the phone line was saying to Senator Robert Krueger. While serving as a United States ambassador to Burundi, Krueger had become concerned about the escalating genocide. "The international press was the strongest tool I had," Krueger explained, "to try and prevent the slaughter. But the reporter, who was part of an important news channel, told me people are tired of seeing bodies floating in the rivers. He said, 'they're not very interested in stuff like that.'" Yet Krueger kept demanding the truth be heard.

Krueger was appointed as a United States ambassador under President

Carter. He was ambassador to Mexico, Burundi, and eventually Botswana. While in Burundi, Krueger experienced first-hand the challenges confronting a nation trying and failing to hold democratic elections. The military staged a coup, abducted the President and half his cabinet, killing them "and buried the bodies in a mass grave... Then they expected the country to go on as before," Krueger said. It'd be like someone shooting the President on the steps of the capital. The shootings encouraged internal rifts between the Hutus and the militarized Tutsis, which then led to massive slaughter. According to Krueger, there were 100 deaths each day. The world responded by feigning ignorance.

In the aftermath of the slaughter,

Krueger continues to appeal to the United Nations for the creation of a Truth and Reconciliation Committee (TRC) for Burundi, a safe space in which both those who have been hurt can address their grievances and those who have caused hurt can surrender their guilt. South Africa and Rwanda, Krueger said, are perfect examples of how a TRC can be successful. "There's nothing more [important] than the truth, reconciliation, and forgiveness for those living in genocide," Krueger continued, "These committees help create a society in which it's more important to let the dead bury the dead than to carry the past into the future. "Ultimately," Krueger said, "we need to realize we're all part of the larger fabric of mankind."

Representative Dance

Nikoletta Gjoni

The Representative Dance was held on November 19th from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., bringing all representatives from the AMUN conference together to enjoy themselves with new and old friends.

Held in the Exhibition Hall at the Sheraton Towers, a mixture of reggae, hip hop, and pop music blended in the air, seeped into the halls and outside to the river where socializing was not bound to the dance room alone.

Representatives of all ages and from all over the world gathered to make memories, whether it was their first time at AMUN or returning. "This was my second conference in Chicago and it was great," said Representative

Christina Hammond of the United States. "The theme wasn't too special but the music was fun and I definitely had a great time," she added.

Despite high representative attendance, not everyone thought the event was flawless. "The dance was pretty good but it would've been more effective if it was held earlier on in the week, that way people could make friends to last the weekend instead of the night before leaving," said Representative Paul-William deSilva of China.

Good or bad, many people showed up and lack of space on the dance floor seemed to be the biggest issue throughout the dance.

Recycling at AMUN

Sabrina Cargill-Greer

Those concerned about what is done with the massive amounts of paper at the American

Model United Nations will be comforted to know that the Sheraton Chicago recycles. When representatives

print draft upon draft of their resolutions, the worry arises that the paper is being trashed and wasted. However, Malini Rao, Director-General of Home Government ex-

plained that "the [hotel] staff sorts through it. It's required by the Chicago municipal code." The Home Government staff sort through trash to separate paper, plastic,

and cans. It is good to know that the economic and environmental sustainability fought for in the United Nations and at AMUN is being furthered at this conference.

Possible Celebrities on AMUN Staff

It seems there are a few AMUN staffers whose features seem to resemble Hollywood celebrities. Whether by a genetic mishap or pure coincidence, we aren't sure which, these staffers seem to be the best candidates to have their chance in the spotlight. Some photos may be dead-on, others may not. You decide.



Brian Endless & Harold Ramis
(Ghostbusters' Egon Spangler)



Jason Kiefer & Ethan Suplee
(My Name is Earl)



Ruban Alonzo & John Belushi



Tim Hoppe & Chris O'Donnell



Chris Elliott & Ryan Donovan



Lillian Florenski & Angelica Houston
(Addams Family)



Kevin Pruitt & Kevin McNally
(First Mate on Pirates of the Caribbean)



Robert Camaj & Johnny Depp
(Edward Scissorhands)

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Xavi:

You have helped me so much... I need to repay you for all your hard work. Meet me in Iowa ASAP and I'll show you what Bill never got to see.
- H.R.C.

To my Baby's Baby:

This is what family looks like. I hope you had a good time at your first conference. You can look forward to more.
- Dad



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