# Verbatim

adjective | ver·ba·tim | 축 어적으로 | literalmente | 逐字 | doslovně | 逐語的 | từng tiếng một : being in or following the exact words : WORD-FOR-WORD // a verbatim report of life at Cardigan

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# The Model U.N. Experience with Ms. Fedele

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### and Students

## When were you first introduced to Model U.N?

I actually was first introduced to Model UN through an American National Film, called Winning London. I watched the movie, and they went to a model U.N. conference. It made me and my sister want to do Model U.N. Our high school didn't have a Model U.N. program, so we started one. And we are fortunate enough to be only an hour and a half away from New York City, so that's the conference that we went to. It was one of our favorite experiences in high school. So every school we've worked at, we either started, continued, or been a part of Model U.N.

# What is something interesting students do during club time?

One thing we like to do in Model U.N. is to allow everyone to speak and debate. We usually talk about current topics or play a game. On our last day, we did a game where each student had to use 25 words or less to get someone else to say a word. It gives students the chance to express concise messages and communicate with others.

### What is your Model U.N. Experience?

Kevin Gu:

It was a fantastic experience. I like the debates in the club more than the debates in the committee. We are debating with some high school kids that have more background knowledge than us. They have background knowledge of what happened before and after the instance, which forced me to do more research and study different countries. Fortunately, our club debate topics are more relatable to our lives, so we don't have to do more research about what happened in the 20th century.

#### Jason Jiang:

My committee is about the illicit ivory trade. At first, a lot of people tried to ban the trade in ivory, but that wasn't the final resolution. Later in the negotiation process, a group of people came up with the idea of an "elephant farm." This farm is designed to help raise elephants and use their ivory to create profits for the countries and the people. That resolution was passed eventually, which also proves that resolutions can be creative. I have done a couple of the general assemblies, so I do have a good idea of what it is. I think the part about the general assembly is to get to know about a lot of talented kids that are from other prep schools. A big part of a Model U.N. conference is not just about solving the crisis and coming up with negotiations, it is also about making friends and meeting more people. Model U.N. taught me that resolutions can be creative and there is no such thing as a "winning resolution." It's really cool, and I think that's why people should join Model U.N.



Model U.N. Participants

Photo Ms. Fedele

#### Pi Mongkhonvanit:

My committee was a "Crisis." In this committee, you can kill people, betray people, and basically do whatever you want. It was hard for me to adjust the first day because I would use vocabulary that I am not comfortable using. I remember that there was this notepad that I didn't even know how to use. People started figuring out that I didn't really know what to do and they asked me if it was my first conference. They tried to give me some pointers despite the fact that we might not be arguing the same cause. I learned a lot from other people's perspectives and experiences. I also learned how to use the "notepad" against others.



Andy Yoon walking to his committee

Photo Ms. Fedele

#### Harrison Huang:

I started debating before I came to Cardigan. When I first came here, I thought Model U.N. was a good choice for me. It's a higher level of debate because it is incorporating countries into it. I got to know how the roles of the countries operate. I was also in the SPECPOL committee. My idea was that in order to reduce the negative effect of urbanization, we should encourage the partnership between the private sector and the public sector. This will reduce the government budget and the budget can be shifted to other areas that needed them. The big part of my resolution was to increase the efficiency of the government. However, they crossed my name off the sponsor list when the resolution got passed. It was unfortunate, but I realized that things like this might happen during conferences.

# Culture

#### The World According to Mr. Gartner

Mr. Gartner Ph.D. in Knowledge

- 1) More people attend Alabama football games than live in Canaan
- 2) If everyone in the world ran in the same direction, at the same time, the Earth's rotation would change
- 3) It's impossible to sneeze in outer space
- 4) The technology for the iPhone 23 is already invented
- 5) 4K TVs are too high depth to notice the difference from 1080
- 6) Spotify is superior to Apple Music
- 7) No one knows why football is called football
- 8) Yellow is the most intimidating color
- 9) Anteaters don't eat ants
- 10) There is only one ocean



Metro Business.

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## First Day of Snow

Diego Escalante '20 Reporter

Snow has arrived! With it comes the fond childhood memories of snowball fights and the stories about embarrassing family reunions that you never want to share with your friends. For some people winter is a time of great joy athletically as it signifies the transition into hockey or basketball season. For others, it is just a beautiful season. Even the most seemingly normal things can be turned into fun, like kicking icicles off the bottoms of cars. Winter is a time of joyous holidays and time spent with family. Though the snow has already melted here you can guarantee that it will be back and there will be more next time. Sometimes it can get cold, yes but there are so many good things about the winter season. For example, our very own ski holiday! Despite the cold, winter is always a great time to get outside and have fun. Organize a snowball fight or just skate around on the frozen lake with your friends. Winter is coming full force which means it is time to take out your puffy jackets and hats and hold on tight!



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### A Simple Task

Franklin Chow '20 Editor in Chief

Wondering what was behind those curtains during the fall concert? Well, you're about to find out this Friday! This year's fall play is a comedy about a boy named Empie. His first assignment at his new job is quite simple: retrieve a box of merchandise and deliver it to the boss. BUT what if your delivery is obstructed by confusing characters? What if your boss is constantly changing identities, and your job starts to feel absurd? The performance will commence on November 14th (Thursday). There will be a performance on November 15th (this Friday!) for all the students.



Guess the Faculty

Photo Mike Lee