

MODEL UN ACTION OVER THE WINTER LONG WEEKEND

Reporter: *Thomas He*

For the CMS Model UN Club, January is full of anticipation. Under the leadership of Ms. Fedele and Mr. Vega, the team participated in the Boston University Academy Model United Nations, at the Boston University campus on January 28 and 29. Hundreds of delegates from across the country assumed the role of United Nations ambassadors, representing different countries and organizations. The club members debated controversial topics in world politics and economy, drafting directives and resolutions aiming to resolve the issues.

In addition to the General Assemblies like the Economics and Financial Affairs Council (ECOFIN), and the World Health Organization (WHO), there were Crisis committees that focused on the Carnation Revolution of 1974 in Portugal, the Republic versus the Separatists from the franchise Star Wars, and the impending war between two cartoon "armies," one led by Phineas and Ferb and the other by their opposition. The delegates learned the importance of balancing national interests with the needs of the international community and were subject to the powers and limitations of international negotiation.



Jake Lim won the second-highest award honored at the conference: "Outstanding Delegate." He earned this award for his representation of Lucio Lara in a Historical Crisis Committee, which was an interactive simulation of the 1974 Carnation Revolution of Portugal.



Cardigan Model UN Club Members. Ms. Fedele. 2023.

As a delegate for Canada, I participated in the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), a part of the General Assembly, which focused on mitigating worldwide poverty. I formed a bloc with my allies, and we proposed and improved resolutions until we could agree on a solution that we presented to the rest of the ECOSOC.

On the final day of the conference, the closing ceremony was held, awarding exceptional delegates and ideas. The MUN Club requires a united effort, and though only Jake Lim was recognized with an award, we were proud of our overall effort and hard work as a team. We were introduced to various techniques and approaches that we plan to utilize at our next conference at Dartmouth College in April.



Inside a MUN Conference. Ms. Fedele. 2023.

IS TESLA ACTUALLY GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT?

Head Financial Reporter: Noah Humphrey

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away, Tesla was worth more than \$1.2 trillion making it one of the most valuable companies in the world. Tesla at one point was worth fifteen times more than the Ford Motor Company, even though Ford currently has four times as many vehicles on the road. Now, the reality is hitting Elon Musk that Tesla might not be the future.

The company's value dropped significantly in 2022, collapsing over seventy-five percent to an extremely overvalued market capitalization of \$495.07 billion. A part of Tesla's issue in 2022 was the rising price of lithium, as it is the main resource used to produce their batteries. The price of lithium nearly doubled last year and is still remaining at record-high prices. A Yale report on lithium mining in 2022 states that lithium mines "are draining vital ecosystems and depriving Indigenous communities of precious water and soil." This shows that despite Tesla's promise of an environmentally green future, lithium mining has a detrimental effect on the surrounding areas of the mine. A report by Euro News on lithium mining said that lithium mining is causing "biodiversity loss, damage to ecosystem functions, and an increase in global warming". If this report is true, then the assertions Tesla is making about a



Lithium Mine, CBT News. 2022

sustainable future would be false and it would go against Tesla's mission, which is solving climate change in the automotive industry.

In 2021, the world mined a hundred thousand tons of lithium out of the 14 million estimated total reserve. It would need ten times as much as the world's lithium reserve to equip everyone with an electric vehicle to achieve Tesla's mission. The needs will not be met as there is not enough lithium on this planet to fulfill the demand. Only time would tell if Tesla is sticking around in the future, and whether it will be the sustainable energy solution for the environment and society.

THE WORLD ACCORDING TO MR. GARTNER

Mr. Gartner | Ph. D. in Knowledge

1. Becoming hyper after eating sugar is a myth.
2. The red course is faster than the blue course.
3. The average life expectancy in Japan is longer than in the USA.
4. Matching your belt and shoes is the most important fashion rule.
5. There is only one known chimpanzee that can swim.
6. On average, people know 13,722 words.
7. Because of the silent 'H' in Brhead we stopped writing it.
8. Mr. White uses pre-tied shoes.
9. It would take 5,896,700,000 ants to carry an elephant.
10. Valentine's day is supposed to be in July.

STARRY NIGHT

By *Thomas He*

The night is still, listening to the sigh
of a bell ringing. The owl turns and hoots,
perched in its tree. The pine bough reaches high,
a fire burning underneath the Moon.
Stars glimmer like an ocean free, unbound.
And yet the stars stay fixed above so still.
They draw the night a deeper blue, profound,
singing with the Moon, a choir of pastels.
Only echoing tolls are heard. Pleasant,
inviting dark, amidst a blaze so cool. The tree reflects the
yellow crescent
shines in the curve of a far-away rule:
Though faint, the stars still dazzle like night dew,
and point correctly, and clearly, to you.