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Dear Seif,

Below are a few notes about my experiences with CACMUN:

It is so exciting to think of CACMUN as being 40 years old. I am so pleased and proud that the activity has expanded both in principle and program. The Board of Trustees, Administration, and parents are commended for their moral and financial support for this program over these many years. Needless to say, the international student body of CAC makes it an ideal school for an MUN program. There is nothing more important and significant in these times than to foster a broad program and curriculum to explore, expand, and contribute to international understanding.

It is heartwarming to note that CAC continues to promote programs which encourages students to become members of a global society, share a diversity of ideas and maintain increased cross cultural experiences.

The Model UN program has always been dear to my heart. I am proud to have escorted students for seven trips to the annual International Student MUN Congress in the Hague. I recently met with a few students and shared wonderful memories of our times together preparing for participation in this event.

The MUN activity at CAC began as an extension of my International Relations class in 1978. The trips to the Hague were exciting and rewarding for those students who were willing to do the required extra preparation for participation in the sessions.

Rather than stay in individual hotel rooms, we stayed together in a very small two story pension a few blocks from the North Sea. When waiting for the tram, the entire group made it a priority and a game to completely very closely surround those students who had never seen snow before or experienced such bitter cold.

There was very limited space in the small pension, 4-6 students in a room, but somehow we managed. To prepare speeches and points for

debate to represent the assigned delegations, committees met late into the night in hallways, on the stairs, in the kitchen, on the floor. The noise and activity was unbelievable. I was relentless in insisting that everyone needed a good knowledge of Robert Rules of Order in order to show off their skills of debate.

Early the next morning as we departed for the opening session at the Congress Hall, I was so proud to see these sleepy eyed ,exhausted students, appear in suits and ties, fancy dresses , hard shoes, brief cases in hand looking very much the young diplomats. It was exciting also to see that the late night preparations paid off as the CAC students often won accolades as best delegation.

In addition to lasting friendships, I have learned that many of the MUN students have pursued careers in international Relations and public service. It was certainly my privilege to be a part of these wonderful experiences, hopefully preparing them to become future world leaders who will have a profound impact on the quality of life in this century.

WISHING YOU A SUCCESSFUL AND MEMORABLE FORTIETH
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