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and snowfall



Dear readers

by **Arzu
Altintas**

Dear Reader,
welcome to this year's 8th session of the Youth Parliament of the Alpine Convention in Sonthofen, Germany. With our internal newspaper the „Flying Facts“ we would like to keep you informed about the work in the different groups of the YPAC and also give a short summary of the day. The focus is especially on bringing you the YPAC spirit closer and to brighten your day. The articles and pictures for the newspaper are provided by the web, folio and press group.

The Flying Facts are printed in cooperation with the city of Sonthofen in the town hall. We wish you a nice and productive day and hope you'll enjoy reading!

Best wishes,

Your Mediagroup



Here plays the music !

by Anja Schöll

The starting pistol was fired. The official opening ceremony which took place yesterday evening was the peak of the first day of this year's YPAC.

All delegations came to word and the secrets of the suitcases were solved: wooden spoons as a symbol for good food in Slovenia, wind mills and all organic boys were content of the suitcases and will be content of the discussions and postulations to make our towns better Alpine towns of the future!

Local politicians were present and addressed the audience of all participants of the YPAC, representatives of the Bavarian Ministry, teachers and supporters.

Michael drank the tears away and made us happy. Happy people work better than sad people and therefore we are now all prepared to be the best working people.

The work already started and the committees are already discussion ideas and postulations.

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Mox habebimus papam!?

by Benjamin Stolz



Yesterday on March 12th, 115 cardinals under the age of 80 were closed into the Sistine Chapel in order to elect the new leader of the Catholic Church since the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI on February 28th. They celebrated the special Mass called “Pro Eligendo Romano Pontifice”, which represents the beginning of the conclave.

During the afternoon the electors moved into the Sistine Chapel to give their votes to a new “Pontifex”. The procedure for election is the following: Every cardinal writes the name of his preferred cardinal on a piece of paper and put it into a ballot box. When votes are counted, the pieces are burned in a small oven with one chemical substance. The latter is chosen according to the results of the vote. When the next pope is elected, the substance which turns smoke into white is chosen. When no majority is reached, the substance chosen turns smoke into dark grey. The colour of the smoke coming out of the small chimney on the roof of the Sistine Chapel can be seen from the people on the Piazza San Pietro through a Experts are very excited about what is going to happen in the conclave. The catholic world looks forward to the new pope with eager.

Kim Jong Un announces military target in South Korea



The dictator of North Korea spoke for the first time in this conflict of a determined target. The first strike is announced on military facilities on a small island near the borderline between South and North Korea. The five thousand inhabitants of Baengnyong are “a bit afraid”. Another cause of concern for many people in South Korea is that North Korea has once again terminated the non-aggression-pact. This is the twelfth time in the last 20 years.

Traveling chaos in northern Europe

Because of heavy snowfall in Northern Europe, Frankfurt airport and Charles de Gaulle airport have cancelled numerous flights. The Eurostar high speed railways between France and England have also been affected. As a matter of fact, more than three hundred car accidents were counted in Surrey (an English town) yesterday.



Morning at the gym by Svenja Endress

Ho, group finding activities! What should we expect? Carsten Röder has his own ideas: we start with standing in a circle. Then, we greet to each other, ONE by one, please note that we are eighty students! So, we shook our hands with every YPAC participant.

I believe we all eighty students did not have this activity in mind when thinking about group finding activities. But what would better fit in such a group finding than taking pictures? After initial counting difficulties, we eventually managed to get together in five groups and took the picture. The real fun started when Carsten brought out the candy...

Last but not least, we drew. Give a bunch of teens a poster and a pen and they will draw you a teddy bear getting shot by a man with a gun who is hit by a bolt while standing in front of a two Toblerone mountains!

Don't be pushed off by a "no"

Coaching - "How to talk"



Committee members had great fun playing annoyed politicians and bugging questioners. A presentation about the necessity of being stubborn and direct followed this rather easy introduction. The Press Group has collected for you some reactions from the

participants: According to Jana Rutarux from Switzerland, the speech was very informative and encouraged creative thinking.

It helped youth to build future successful attempts to talk to politicians. The coach gave two more advices: 1. Always appear self- confident and competent while talking to politicians. 2. Be stubborn and don't let yourself be pushed off your path by a "no", just try it again!





The beginning of a progress?



by Asia Gasparotto
Pressgroup

Committee 3 room: everyone seems just so comfortable and relaxed. Everything is silent and there are glasses and bottles of water and juice on each desk as well. “What a nice atmosphere”, you would say.

However, after a while, you start realizing that everything is so quite because actually, there is not much the delegates can do. They are speaking about themes which have already been discussed several times, without a real result. The people who take part in the discussion are always the same three

or four, but they often have different points of view, so that they don’t come to a real end. They are talking about the town’s problems with pollution, leisure activities like festivals, skiing and ski lifts and thinking whether they should be there or not.

Then, the last topic I heard was about the presence of tourists, asking themselves if the inhabitants are happy to have them or not. That was the first part of their meeting, and during the break I asked the delegates for some opinions. Unfortunately, most of them were bored and dissatisfied with their work. But who knows, maybe that’s just because it’s only the first part of their meetings!

Tense atmosphere



by Lena Kocutar
Pressgroup

The 4th Committee has selected some of the most important points concerning their topic by focusing on changing attitude towards public transport. There is one delegate particularly standing out of the group with his more than “out-of-the-box” ideas. First, he would begin progress by changing completely the political system. It is difficult for the president of the Committee to keep the thoughts of this delegate limited to the change of the Alpine region since he is ready to change the whole world, from the Middle East to the USA.



By the time the Committee had left for the coffee break, the atmosphere was quite strained. Afterwards, they switched to the next topic, since they could not find a common solution to the previously discussed problem. Overall, they have come up with some great ideas and have learned to argue about many different topics on the subject of mobility.



PHOTO



WALL



question time



chuh chuh!
The motivation train



Duck...



...face!!

Ongoing in committee 1...



by Thomas Bétend
Pressgroup

It is Tuesday afternoon, the first meeting of the committee. Without losing a minute, delegates begin to work. First, they put their ideas about the topic “Consumer’s behavior” together. The presidents write them on the board while they discuss about it. Many of them have a lot of ideas. They speak about many things including the problem of products’ importation and possible ways to inform consumers about the products they buy. They proposed to put a symbol on the package, such as a smiley in order to inform that the product is environmental- friendly for example. All delegates are really enthusiastic and focused. They don’t hesitate to debate with their colleagues and de-



velop arguments even when they are shy or not so good in English. It seems like the Committee is going to work really hard during this YPAC’s week, and well led by its two energetic presidents!

Presidency Red
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An advertisement for Maybelline lipstick. It features a tube of red lipstick with a gold band and a black cap, lying horizontally. To the right is a close-up portrait of a young woman with dark hair, smiling and wearing the same red lipstick. The background is a light yellow gradient.



Progress in Com 1



by Melanie Renner
Pressgroup

In the first meeting the committee talks about flats and houses, the alpine cities as university cities, the absence of physical workers, incomes and taxation. The atmosphere is good and there are no conflicts. A boy from Liechtenstein talks nearly all the time and is commenting everything. He is really dominant while other members nearly don't participate in the discussion. Some of them seem even bored. There is not a lot of progress

because they are always coming back on the same topics instead of going on with new aspects. Nevertheless there are also some funny moments, as for example as the Committee president says: "We have to build so many kinder gardens that there is one kinder garden for every child." When they are talking about attracting people to alpine cities by making them to university cities the boy from Liechtenstein comments: "Switzerland and Liechtenstein don't want foreign people and it is very hard to get in there." To improve communication everyone should make his contribution to the discussion, shouldn't they?



Header



by Patrick Tobler
Foliogroup

Dear Song Chu,

You look smart in this picture. With your glasses and wrinkles on the forehead and around your eyes. And the nice white shirt of course. You know where you are and

you know that you are their support. They depend on you. If you leave, they fall apart. Or they fall on the ones who are left over. You have the responsibility to neither let them fall nor to leave them. You are the base that everybody relies on.

I am in a room with some others now. Nobody supports anybody. I can leave if I want to. Yet I don't leave because I don't want to. Because we want to change the world for the better. We want to solve problems which concern our home towns. We want to lead other towns with our example. We want a better world.

We support and want to be supported. It is not obvious but it is the truth. We take the decision to support the world we live in with everything we do.

Do you know bio products? We buy them. We eat them. We do so to avoid the poisoning of our environment. We support all farmers and markets who sell organic or bio products. Not because we have to but because we want to. We want a better world. A healthier world. A world worth living.

... (To be followed on: <http://www.ypac.eu/folio>)

Patrick

Did you know ?

You can have a look at the work of the platform future on Wednesday 5 pm in the physics room (the same were the readings take place). If you have any questions or ideas, ask them prsonal.

Teacher: Today, we're going to talk about the tenses. Now, if I say „I am beautiful,“ which tense is it?

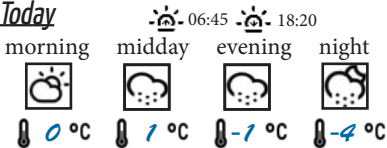
Student: Obviously it is the past tense.

In England, the Speaker of the House is not allowed to speak.

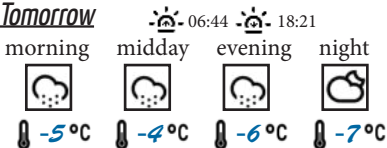
More than 50% of the people in the world have never made or received a telephone call.

Weather forecast:

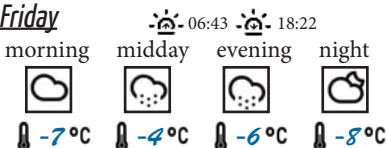
Today



Tomorrow



Friday



What is the task of a president ?

Even doing nothing is too much work for Gamal.

next time : the task of the teachers



Fortune cookies

Special Edition for YPAC Participants!

Delegates and Presidents

You can open doors with your charm and patience.

Press group

Your talents will be recognized and suitably rewarded.

Folio group

You have remarkable power which you are not using.

Platform future

Everything will now come your way.

Teachers

Your wisdom has kept you far away from danger.

Organization team (P-Seminar)

Your principles mean more to you than any money or success.

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