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Reports by Deputy Vice-Ministers

Minister Benjamin Gray, Culture

The Culture Department is currently working on two main projects: a national dress and an art competition.

The National Dress will use the templates for the military uniforms and apply them to civilian forms of clothing to create more atmosphere within the nation. I am currently looking for someone to transform my designs into their digital version, given my poor computer drawing skills.

The art competition will be a competition divided into two categories: literature and graphic art, submissions shall be taken from people from any micronation, and the rule shall be that the art and literature commemorates some event in Gotzborg's fictional history. A prize shall be granted to the winners of each category, and an overall prize shall also be awarded. The panel of judges shall consist of myself, the King, and anyone else the King wishes to appoint. This event will hopefully create some more culture for the nation, and the best art could be showcased on our national website, either under a new section or in the History section.

Minister Christopher Harris-Till, Health & Education

Minister,

The Department of Health and Education's main concern continues to be the University, which I shall now turn to.

In my opinion the current structure of the University is adequate for demands being made of it; what I see as being the most pressing issue is to generate interest through the creation for academic courses which in turn will hopefully gain candidates. However, since its formal establishment earlier this year interest in the university has tended to be lukewarm. Several offers have been made concerning the possibility of establishing courses, but frankly without a body of potential students willing to study the courses, those proposals are largely irrelevant. There is consequently a danger of developing a spiral of disinterest, i.e. lack of students means no courses, which in turn mean no potential students.

My solution to this is to try and explore additional uses for the university which may help to sustain interest outside of actual taught courses. There remains the possibility of stressing areas such as research (or possibly the timeline developments pioneered in Attera) which by definition are more suitable for individuals to participate in without the need to organise large groups. Finally, there remains the possibility for collaborative ventures with other nations, and that is something which I will be taking into account in the pursuit of my service to the foreign office.

C.H.T.

Reports by Directors

Mr. Daniel Dreesbach, Curator of Royal Library

I intend for the Library to serve as a facility to keep the important documents of the Nation. Everyone is free to post documents there. Course materials are [to be] posted there as in the [university] forums as well.

One idea for submissions to the library is to have the university mandate that professors [would have to] place [references] for their courses within the Library.