

CONA T-shirts: The Representation Of The States

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Saturday June 29th, 2007 delegates arrived at the Blue Ridge Assembly in great masses from all over the country. So how could anyone possibly tell who came from what state? Aside from the vocal accents and the name tags there is one way a person can tell where each delegate came from: a wide variety of state t-shirts.

Each CONA t-shirt is a literal representation of what that state is about. Often times they display interesting facts about that particular state as well. “[The Model UN t-shirt] design was based on the Dunkin' Donut ad and altered to represent former UN Secretary General Kofi Annon,” said Morgan Smeragila.

Other delegates' t-shirts, such as that of Alabama, represent the advisors who helped them come to this program. Alabama's t-shirt is a design based on Bob, their advisor. “It's a spin-off of the Almighty movies because Bob runs the whole Alabama program,” said Alabama delegate Chase Child. The Pennsylvania delegation did something similar as well. Designed by John Bruni, the t-shirt depicts the Pennsylvania advisors as South Park characters who turned down Kenny's proposal.

The rest of the t-shirts are based off of interesting facts about that particular state. The Minnesota design depicts the ruby slippers and yellow brick road in *The Wizard of Oz*. Minnesota is the birth place of Judy Garland. Oklahoma's t-shirt design is based on famous people who were born there and at one point lived in Oklahoma. Wisconsin design depicts a cow representing them as the Dairy State.

No matter what t-shirt each state might wear, they all have one thing in common: each state takes pride in representing themselves at this year's conference.