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Master of disaster

Paul Goode's job at the recent Central Texas Model United Nations was to generate a steady supply of surprise crises for the delegates, who were high school students pretending to be diplomats.

The University of Texas graduate, home on a break from Moscow Linguistics University, wrote phony press reports from all corners of the world describing heightened tensions, near-wars, nuclear accidents, mass evacuations and international mayhem.

He relished the job.

"It allows me to play God for a while," he said.

It also allowed him to play comedian.

A dispatch questioning Russian President Boris Yeltsin's military control mentions that the Russian president "was unavailable for comment as he was reportedly receiving therapy for his recent nostril surgery."