

A Review of Third Social Fall 2012

One might think at an event such as the McKendree University Model United Nations Fall 2012

Conference, the beginning would be the hardest part. This proved to be false in the Third Social Committee during the afternoon portion of the conference.

Since the delegates are given the opportunity to choose the order of topics, the most important topic is typically discussed first. These representatives chose women's access to healthcare as the most important issue, followed by equalized primary

education, then by capital punishment. Resolutions were passed for each of the topics.

The Togolese Republic Delegate stated the most exciting part of this conference was the discussion about capital punishment because there were compelling arguments coming from both sides. The entire morning of day two was spent arguing about capital punishment, but a resolution was finally passed around two this afternoon.

Throughout the conference, there were several improvements

individually. Nearly every delegate in Third spoke, asked a question, or signed an amendment. Nearing the end of the conference, many more students chose to participate. At the beginning of the session, the representatives from South Africa and Guatemala were going strong, and this continued until the end. Delegates from Georgia and Japan gradually became less shy and were more comfortable speaking.

Although the successes in committee lasted only

two days, lessons learned from this experience will last a lifetime. Model UN prepares high school students not only for careers, but for the successes and failures of life. It teaches communication and public-speaking skills, as well as leadership roles. These intelligent young men and women are our future, and they can go forward confidently in the right direction because of this experience.

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