

## Pizza and Nachos and Burgers, Oh My!

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Ah, lunchtime: every delegate's favorite time of day. The smell of pizza, hamburgers, and nachos fills the air as the delegates sit down to some much-needed refreshment and relaxation. This is their chance to speak with the friends they have made in committee and other members of their school. The stress and intensity from committee has almost vanished. We were able to sit down with a few of the delegates and find out how each committee is going.

One delegate from the Special Political committee says things are going "Amazing!" She seemed to be very pleased with committee and extremely happy to have made some friends.

The delegate had a particularly large smile on her face when she explains that "I've been coming to [the McKendree University Model United Nations conference] for three years now, and I really enjoy it. This really helps my writing and debating skills, and I have met some people that I have become close friends with. [...] It is a great opportunity to do something that looks great on a college

application and have a good time doing it. Not to mention, the pizza is amazing."

Other delegates have some improvements they would like to see. "We seem to be really cramped [in 1<sup>st</sup> Political committee], and it seems to be that way every year," says one delegate. "It is manageable, but I would still like a little more room to spread out." Another delegate believes that McKendree should implement more technology into the conference. "I've been in committees where a smart board was used, and that was really helpful. This time, though, we are just using a white board and it becomes confusing about who is speaking, or what topic we are on," says the delegate.

Even with the minor suggestions made by delegates, things at lunch seem to be light and easy. The beautiful weather has students eating outside. Sitting down next to these students, we caught some of their conversation. "Things are going great! We've passed three resolutions, and got a lot of things done."

Even with this laid-back atmosphere, some delegates are still hard at work. We caught sight of a delegate from United Kingdom still looking over

resolutions for the next topic up for discussion in his Special Political Committee. Other delegates were discussing amendments to pass on their resolution, and ways they could win over their committee.

All is well as we dive into debate again after lunch. With the General Assembly Plenary session coming up soon, everyone is anxious to get done with their resolutions, and move on. Who knows what the next two days will bring?