

Sharply dressed students from numerous schools surrounding the Lebanon, Illinois area gathered at McKendree University to participate in the university's annual Fall Model United Nations Conference. The conference is divided into 8 committees that discuss different topics, covering everything from human rights to legal issues.

It was my pleasure to observe the Special Political (Spec Pol) committee. I have taken part in several committees, but Spec Pol was definitely the most energetic that I have experienced. Each and every delegate had a strong opinion on every single topic.

Much of the evening was dedicated to debating whether the delegates should discuss a topic or not, as well as what order they should discuss the topic in. About halfway through the evening, the delegates finally came to a

decision on the order of topics to be discussed. They came to the conclusion that they should first discuss international response to terrorism. Although no resolutions were passed, some interesting points were made by both sides of each argument. Many compelling speeches were made by Azerbaijan, Venezuela, and the United States, to name only a few.

The committee will convene again on Wednesday morning and continue discussing the pressing issues of international response to terrorism, nuclear proliferation, and illegal nation-state aggression. I look forward to reporting what these opinionated young delegates accomplish during their time at this conference.

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