

Washington continued

US Senator Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania.

On Monday evening some students attended an Amnesty International meeting while others attended a Washington Capitals game in the new MCI Center in downtown Washington. On Tuesday, The Library of Congress gave students a chance to see one of the original Gutenberg bibles, and when time was afforded, the opportunity to obtain a library card which gave students access to vast amount of information stored in this building.

Although the Supreme Court is in session students were unable to see proceedings because the attending justices were not in attendance. Instead, students were able to see the original Supreme Court chambers and the desk where John Marshall presided.

A town meeting on Tuesday afternoon with US Senator Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania was filled with a slew of questions asked by students regarding college aid and loans. Needless to say this town meeting was filled with heated discussions over government expenditures for school grants which many students felt strongly about. The students then went to the Senate Galleries, where they saw US Senators Arlen Specter and Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania, Senator Al D'Amato of New York and US Senator Carol Moseley-Braun of Illinois argue for more government spending in urban transportation expansion.

The afternoon was spent at The National Postal Museum which gave free postcards to all who were willing to conquer the touch activated screens and send their loved ones messages from Washington.

On Tuesday night, despite below freezing temperatures and high winds,

the group ventured out to the Jefferson, Lincoln, and Franklin Roosevelt Memorials, as well as the Washington Monument, the Einstein statue, and the Korean War and Vietnam Veteran memorials.

The third day of the Washington trip was declared foreign affairs day; students visited the Canadian and Jamaican embassies and learned about the various perspectives of life in these countries and the roles they play in maintaining friendly relations with the United States. The group also went on a tour of the Voice of America and spoke with the directors of the Bosnian, Croatian, and Serbian VOA broadcasts.

Thursday, students went on a special White House tour where they visited a total of four rooms; the green room, the red room, the blue room and the dining area, the tour was interrupted by a special appearance of the President's dog "Buddy."

Students met and asked US Representative Phil English of Pennsylvania questions regarding local issues in Erie and statewide. They also visited the House Galleries where they were able to see various representatives. On the last full day remaining, students visited Arlington National Cemetery and the Department of Defense. Despite bomb threats received the previous night, students were given a tour of the various divisions of the United States military. The remainder of the day students were free to visit all the other tourist attractions such as the National Zoo and the Smithsonian Museums.

The trip covered all aspects of Washington; cultural, political, domestic and foreign. It enabled students to compare and contrast various systems of government in relation to their visit of the nation's capital.



photo courtesy of Office of US Senator Rick Santorum

The Behrend group with US Senator Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania. Standing left to right: Sen. Santorum, Dr. Robert Speel, Dr. Zachary Irwin, and Richard Zmijewski. Seated in the first row from left to right: Ayodele Jones, Danielle Marshall, Kelly Haas, Diane Kerr, and Ken Bickel. Second row left to right: Doug Watkins, Julie Meyers, Jill Wisniewski, Dominique Owens, Matt Simon and Erin Pierce. Third row left to right: Ron Slomski, Karolina Niedobecka, Shari Buie, Allen Vickey, Julie Wieczorek, and Jennifer Miles. Last row left to right: Charles Tetrake, Kevin La Polla, and Rebecca Markiewicz.

Turnbull classrooms unfixable

by Anne Rajotte
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Turnbull Barn has historically been the one building that students dislike having a class in. Most complain that it is too hot, even in the winter. Also, there are pillars in the classrooms for structural support that many students find distracting.

Administration is very aware of the problems of classes in Turnbull, but it seems that only a drastic renovation would remedy the situation.

According to John Ream, Director of Operations, "The heating system

ally turn it into a student support building. Ream stated it "would place most services that a student needs in one building so that the student has one stop shopping." Turnbull will become an academic support building once the planned Economic Development and Research Building is built. It will include services cur-

rently located throughout campus such as the registrar, the financial aid office and the bursar.

For now, classes will continue in Turnbull without any real improvements in the conditions. Chris Maguire, 04 Accounting, agrees with the plan to eventually stop having classes in Turnbull, "I think they

should build a new classroom building and not use Turnbull. It's not conducive to learning." Art Faix, 06 Political Science, stated, "The pillars are a distraction. It's an embarrassment to the academic institution as a whole."



photo by Jason Blake

"[A student support building] would place most services that a student needs in one building so that the student has one stop shopping."

John Ream
Director of Operations

in Turnbull does not allow for the control of the room temperature in each room. The hot water that is used to heat the building flows through all rooms regardless of the temperature of the room." He also added that the pillars in the classrooms are necessary for structural support and cannot be removed.

The plan for Turnbull is to eventu-

A pillar stands in the middle of a Turnbull classroom.

Question of the Week

Which movie should win the Oscar for best picture and why?

"I think none of the movies up for the award are worthy. It should go to a movie that kicks ass, like Moby Dick starring Jean-Luc Picard."

-Todd Benson, 02, Accounting

"Titanic because they put the most money into the film."

-Anthony Hodges, 04, Business

"Titanic. Why not?"

-Nicole Jacoby, 06, Psychology

"As Good as it Gets. Jack Nicholson is the man."

-Michael Reed, 02, DUS

"The Full Monty because it sounds cool."

-Stacey McIntyre, 06, Management

"Titanic, Leo is cute."

-Amanda Bennett, 06, English

"Titanic because it's going to win anyway."

-Luke Carter, 06, MEBD

"Star Wars."

-Jeremy Warner, 04, Business

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