

BC students spend weekend

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Packed tightly on a small travel bus, forty-five faculty, staff, and students left campus at 11:00 p.m. on Nov. 4, heading north to Washington D.C. Kim Owen, Jo Pumphrey, and Bill Byers were in charge of the group. The travelers slept on the bus on the nine hour drive up. Of course, there were plenty of stops on the way up, keeping the riders from really getting a decent amount of sleep.

Arriving to the D.C. area at about nine the next morning, the tour group went straight to the hotel, unloaded their lug-



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The Washington Monument as seen from the Holocaust Museum

gage, and then set out to the city. The hotel was in Arlington, VA, so the group took the Metro to the National Mall, the good part of D.C. Now, if you have never ridden the subway, like me, then it may be quite an experience. It's quite like the tunnel in the the old version of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'.

The first museum as you reach the surface from the Metro is the United State Holocaust Memorial Museum. There is a special tour that is free of charge, but extremely intense. First, you choose a passport of a survivor/victim from a shelf; this is who you are to be as you are walking through the exhibit. Then, you get on this



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Thomas Adams calling home in front of the Holocaust Memorial Museum.

two way elevator that takes you to the top floor, all the while playing a video of images from the concentration camps. As soon as the doors to the elevator open on the top floor, all that seen is a large portrait of a scene from a concentration camp. As you walk along, they take you through the timeline of the Holocaust, leading up to the so-called final solution. There is a tremendous amount of research and much



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Thomas Adams walking to the WWII Memorial from the Washington Monument

to learn from this exhibit. One cannot leave without feeling a shiver and knowing that what happened is a little closer to home.

After leaving there, our group walked across the park to the Washington Monument. It is the American version of an Egyptian obelisk, minus the hieroglyphs. Standing on the back side of the monument, one can look out to the World War II Veteran Memorial, the Reflection Pool, and the Lincoln Memorial.

The World War II Memorial is a ring of thick pillar like structures, adorned with wreaths and the names of a state on each. Then there is a pool and fountain in the center. The walls are inscribed with famous quotes from history concerning our troops.

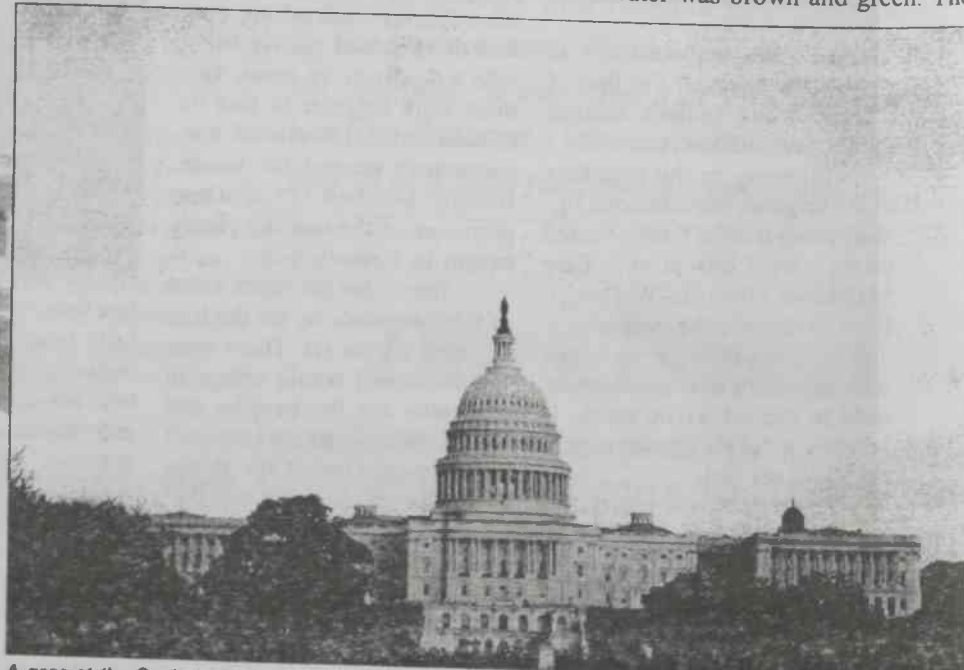


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Taylor Cottingham and Tabitha Breedlove at the Lincoln Memorial.

The lights at night in the ring are unbelievable.

Walking on next to the Reflection Pool, we were quite disgusted with how gross it was. There were duck droppings all over and the water was brown and green. The



A gaze at the Capitol.

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