West Hathorn Hall
How your heater works.

- Hathorn uses steam heat. The heat in each room is limited by a knob on the steam valve. The knob may only turn ½ to ¾ turn from closed to open. Two rooms do not have knobs; 357 and 382. These are control rooms for 1/2 of the building. The facilities computer monitors these two rooms to control the two zone valves in the basement. When the control room is warm enough, the zone is turned off. When the control room is too cold, the zone valve opens, allowing heat to go to your room. Your knob can only limit the heat in your room when the zone valve is opened, it cannot turn the heat on. Your heater may “crackle and bang” when the zone valve opens due to thermal expansion. Please do not block the cool air flow into the bottom of your heater with furniture or other items.