

Word on the Hill Do you believe in Capital punishment?

By Darius Hopkins



"I agree with it in certain circumstances."
Amy Buxman
business administration
freshman



"I think it's cruel and unusual. No one can tell somebody when they are supposed to die."
Jasmine Jackson
music education
freshman



"I'm a firm believer in it. If the crime was worth killing for then they should be killed."
Kenard Calhoun
physical education
senior



"I'm not in favor of it."
Bryant Andrews
sport management
graduate



"I feel it's fair. If you kill someone or rape a little girl it's fair."
Brendt Winn
business
senior



"I don't think we should have the death penalty unless we plan on using it."
Jordan Jarnagin
nursing
junior



"I think there should be better ways of punishing people. I think it should be an eye for an eye."
Monica Sauber
nursing
junior



"I think it's well needed."
Ty Hartfield
athletic training
sophomore



"I don't think it's wrong."
Catherine Haikin
undecided
freshman



"I think a crime should be punished with exactly what they did."
Kayla Tibbs
accounting
senior



"If they did something wrong to other people they should rot in jail, so I don't like the death penalty."
Natasha Flynn
psychology
freshman



"I think it is needed and should be used more."
Thaddeus Carrena
computer science
junior

Dream jobs provide passionate possibilities



Anthony Cook

When I was in fifth grade the world was full of aspiring astronauts. In high school it was marine biologists. In between those years there was no shortage of soon-to-be actors, rock stars and doctors. Today, I know few people who are going to try to be any of those things.

Career choices fluctuate naturally when we grow older. Some of them are made hastily. "Jurassic Park" might have spawned a few paleontologists in training. I think "Days of Thunder" did the same for would-be NASCAR drivers. But what I want to know is why can't people sustain their hope over time? It seems that through the rigors and trials of the world we drop our hopes and dreams. It happens in almost everyone. I went through the real estate agent phase, the radio D.J. phase and at one time I thought I would make a heck of a chef. Currently? Well I don't know the answer to that. I'm

sort of searching and feeling my way through that problem. I think I want to write, at least in some capacity, but that's about as far as I can take it. And you know what? I think that's pretty sad to be honest with you. I think it's sad that my dreams of what I could be, and the infinite possibilities of a career would come from those, is pretty much washed away at this point. Now it boils down to what job comes up in an atmosphere that looks pleasing to me. Or worse yet in

an atmosphere that looks not so much pleasing as it looks like I could survive and put the dollars and cents together to get by. Where's the passion in that? Where's the passion in looking through job search engines and finding a job just because I look qualified for it. Sadly, I'd venture to say that a lot of us fall into that same category. And those dreams seem to be further and further away, all because they were wishes on stars that seemed too far away. I remember playing a pick-up game of basketball with a guy who obviously wasn't the next Kobe Bryant, but at 15 he was sure he was going

to be. Or going to class with a student who insisted he was going to one day be an NFL head coach. I even dated a girl once upon a time who idolized Britney Spears. She wanted to be just like her and be a singer when she got out of high school. And guess what, I didn't laugh at any of the three. The three instances have always been on the tip of my memory. I've lost tabs with the individuals, but I always envied the passion and the heart to say what they really wanted to be and do when they "grew up." I think it's a passion that most people should be jealous of.

Maybe those were tall orders and maybe they wouldn't pan out. After all, we can't all end up being someone famous or very important. But if we don't have our dreams what do we have? I'd trade positions with someone going through the heartbreak of falling short of the dream right now. I think it's better than having no evident passion in front of my face. I think your dreams are something you need to hold onto no matter what the common consensus is. And maybe with enough dreaming and hope you can be doing at 32 what you dreamed of growing up to be when you were 12.

Personal Column

Economy challenges seniors in job hunt

By Jessica Bernhardt
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Depression. Panic. Shock. These words might describe the way students are feeling right now, especially graduating seniors. With the downfall in the economy, there aren't any good words to describe the feelings that are rushing through our brain. Figuring out what to do with the rest of our lives is difficult enough. But trying to figure it out in a time of

despair is even harder. Hundreds of questions are probably running through peoples' minds. Some of these questions might be, "What am I going to do when I graduate?" "Where will I be in five years...or 10 years?" "Will I find a job that I can use my degree for?" "Was my education worth \$25,000 a year?" It's frustrating. For those seniors who realize the turn in the economy has affected you, welcome to the real world. For those who are still

in denial, wake up. There are Americans who think the fact that the nation is in debt \$10 trillion has no impact on their lives. Others know that it has an impact. Figuring out what that impact is might be a more difficult task. For students, it's the fact that graduate school might be your only option right now because there aren't

many jobs out there. For faculty and staff, a salary freeze is planned. For all of us, the price of food and gas and utilities continues to rise. A poll conducted by CBS News, UWIRE and "The Chronicle of Higher Education" found that more than 80 percent of college students said they were somewhat or very confident in getting a job after they graduate. This confidence is to be admired. While this may come true, it is unlikely that students are going to find a

job doing what they want. More likely they will be doing something to pass the time until our country pulls itself out of this pool of debt and climbs back up into the stage of prosperity. There isn't anything we can do about our current situation. At this point, there isn't anything anyone can do. With the government so far in debt, there may never be a chance of breathing above water again. But in the meantime, we can hope and pray for the best. Depression. Panic. Shock. If these words describe

the way you're feeling right now, help yourself and become educated about the crisis we are in. Find opportunities to have leadership roles. Work on a portfolio that will show off your skills and abilities. Acquire relationships so in the future you can have people write good letters of recommendation. Whatever you decide to do, do it wisely. Chances are we're in this for the long haul. Jessica Bernhardt is a senior majoring in journalism. You may e-mail her at jessica.bernhardt@sckans.edu.

Editorial

Action 'Taken' to new level in film

By Matt Webb
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None of us would know what it's like to have a boyfriend, girlfriend or a loved one taken from us with the exception of Bryan Mills (Liam Neeson) in his latest movie "Taken." As the movie starts off, Mills is dreaming about his only daughter, Kim (Maggie Grace). The scene switches to Kim's birthday, which portrays his love for his daughter in this scene and the entire movie. Mills is divorced from Kim's mother, Lenore (Famke Janssen) and she is remarried to Stuart (Xander Berkeley), a wealthy international businessman. The family maintains a positive relationship with few differences. The scene shifts and Mills is back home again and some of his friends show up. In the conversation with his friends, it seems as though he has some military background. It's never stated or shown in the movie.

After the birthday party Kim demands to go to Paris with her friend Amanda (Katie Cassidy). Kim and Amanda are abducted and that's when Mills begins to chase an Albanian group across France. That's when the movie starts to pick up. You had better not take your eyes off the screen. If you do, you could miss a minor detail and you would be confused throughout the entire movie. I thought this was tough, especially if you were ever distracted by someone crossing in front of you to get some popcorn in the movie theatre. I advise you to rent the movie and watch it at home. Pierre Morel did an excellent job directing. He built each character perfectly to fit and perform their role. Mills is a modern-day mix between MacGyver and James Bond. He used his hands and

skills more than anything, and when the occasion called for it, he would use a gun. The best part was that Mills did not use the corny sayings and catch lines we hear in James Bond movies. If there is ever a moment for one, he gives a serious line. There's nothing corny or any smile to go with it. I was glad that I wasn't distracted by an excess of gadgets. People watch movies and wonder what kind of device the 00 agent used. In this movie, everything was subtle. From his gun, to his radio and cell phone, nothing was too complicated. The use of special effects in the movie was fantastic. There weren't too many, but each and every special effect

was excellent so you could actually see what happened. The stunts were even better. A couple of car chase scenes and quite a few fights made the movie fast. It kept you guessing. The moves were simple and not too technical to leave you pondering as to how he just disarmed and knocked out someone. The best part of the entire movie was how he was able to track the people who took Kim. The resources, contacts, disguises and search were amazing. The movie is about 90 minutes long. I give this movie a 9.7 out of 10. You should watch it. Matt Webb is a junior majoring in communication. You may e-mail him at matt.webb@sckans.edu.

Movie Review

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