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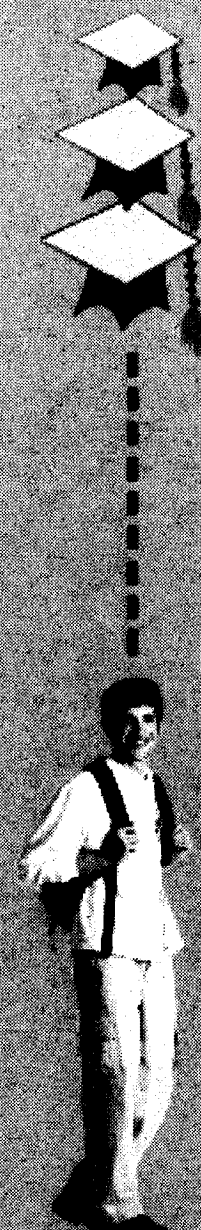
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By An Anonymous *Capital Times* Staff Member

A killer has removed a living person from society.. They have revoked any contribution that person could make to society as well as cast fear and sadness in the public at large. In short, they have "hurt" society. This tear goes further however. It is the tear or emotional distress felt by the friends and family of the victim.

Punishment should be to make criminals give back to society what they took away. Now you may say that this is impossible, nothing they can do will bring back the victim. My reply is, yes, you are correct, and it saddens me that the victim cannot be brought back by any action. But the point of my statement is that a life was taken away so a life or lives must be saved. In the case of murder, I believe that they should die but their death must save lives.

This is not accomplished by deterrence however. We should use them as organ donors. There are hundreds of young children, as well as adults, who need transplants. The wealth of tissue that can be used to save lives is enormous. No longer would there be a long waiting list for hearts, lungs, kidneys, blood, or any

other needed tissue.

We should also use them for test subjects in AIDS, cancer, and other disease research. This will help save lives, hundreds, maybe even millions. By using the prisoners in this way their lives have meaning. For the life, or lives they took, a life or lives, will be saved. The convicted murderer, who committed the act of murder in cold blood, (i.e. not in self defense and in a sane state of mind) shall be used to aid society. Thus, a new form of retribution is seen. I'll call it "reverse retribution."

I shall now, quickly, refute the idea that Kant would oppose this. As it would appear, they are being used as mere means. But step back and reassess the situation. To be used as a mere means, means to lack consent. I argue that the murderers have given consent. We live in a society and as such, we enter into a contract. Everyone will know what the punishment for murder is. So if they break that law they will have, in a sense, given their consent. Just as we all must obey the law or face the consequences, so shall they.



By Pete Strella
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Associate Professor of Humanities and Communications Peter Kareithi gave a lecture focusing on "Land and the Politics of Race in Southern Africa" on October 8th in the LaGrone Cultural Arts Center of the Olmsted Building. Pizza and drinks were served.

The lecture was the first installment in the Fall Colloquium Series entitled "Representation and Culture," conducted by PSH's School of Humanities. Kareithi, a native of Kenya, drew from his experiences in Africa.