

Conflict Erupts in Third Social

High school students from numerous towns in Illinois gathered at McKendree University to on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 to participate in the annual Spring Model United Nations Conference.

In the Third Social committee, the delegates focus on human rights issues. The topics they covered at this conference included women's access to healthcare, capital punishment, equalized primary education, and natural disaster aid. After a slow start, the committee finally began to get a little heated on Wednesday afternoon. Due to the intensity of each nation's beliefs, there was conflict coming to terms with a decision on whether or not capital punishment should be legal. There were several compelling speeches by many countries like South Africa, India and Canada.

An unmoderated caucus was called to find a way to keep capital punishment alive. The majority of delegates were attempting to

find a way to keep capital punishment legal but in a humane fashion.

The delegate of Panama said that the right to a humane death is an unalienable right; therefore, should not be debatable. The argument continued throughout the afternoon because so many delegates had questions and concerns.

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