

A winning opinion

Nathan Childs knows how to make a point with his pen.

Childs, 29, draws an editorial cartoon for the Clark College newspaper, *The Independent*, and he uses the characters Ozzie and Oswald, a penguin and a buzzard, to tackle issues around campus, such as a lack of parking spaces.

His weekly cartoon also was recently honored with a second-place award in the Society of Professional Journalists regional competition.

Impressive for a cartoon offered to simply fill space in the newspaper a few years ago.

"The creative director needed copy to fill empty space for an issue and no one had any stories," Childs said. "I told her I could do a cartoon every week and she could count on that amount of space being filled."

The editorial drawings have been in the paper for two years now; Childs said he'll keep it going at least one more year.



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