## CAMPUS JOURNALISM: SHAPING TOMORROW'S TRUTH-TELLERS

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School newspapers are training grounds for students who have passion in writing as preparation for the real world. They are expected to operate under the same professional standards. Campus newspapers play a vital role in shaping the culture, identity, and discourse within university communities, serving as a hub of information, dialogue, and engagement.

The teachers/trainers are supposed to keep the student reporters reigned in and on track. They are providing the guidance, mentorship, and skills development necessary for success in the field of journalism.

Journalism is more than just reporting facts; it requires a unique blend of skills, ethics, and critical thinking abilities. Training provides aspiring journalists with the tools necessary to navigate the complexities of the field, ensuring they uphold the highest standards of accuracy, fairness, and integrity.

True journalists take great pride in their craft. Journalists scramble to investigate and uncover the facts. Journalists take immense pride in their craft, recognizing the crucial role they play in informing the public and holding power to account. Investigative journalism, in particular, embodies this dedication to uncovering the truth, often requiring significant time, effort, and resources to delve deep into complex issues and expose wrongdoing or hidden truths.

Journalists are committed to rigorous fact-checking and verification processes to ensure the accuracy and reliability of their reporting, even in the face of obstacles or resistance. Their dedication to uncovering facts and informing the public is fundamental to a free and democratic society, highlighting the importance of their role as watchdogs and truth-seekers.

Journalism stands as the cornerstone of democracy, holding power accountable and providing citizens with the vital information they need to make informed decisions.

Since journalism started, the duties of any journalist should be the same. Report thoroughly, fairly, completely and objectively. This responsibility is far more important than catering to the feelings or pandering to marginalized students.

Campus Journalism highlights the transformative potential of student journalism in nurturing a generation of ethical, skilled, and principled journalists who are poised to uphold the highest ideals of truth, integrity, and public service in their future endeavors.

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