

## College Humor Assignment

Pick one of the college humor publications listed on the Resources page of the course website <http://j496satire.weebly.com/resources.html>. Also read this. You will find it very useful: <http://splitsider.com/2012/08/a-reading-list-the-best-college-humor-publications/>

On the Resources page, be sure to click on the name of the publication, not the school; otherwise, you'll end up reading stuff about a college you probably don't ever want to attend. You might want to surf several publications until you find something you would like to talk about in class. Don't just pick the first article you see. What I want is your opinion about the piece and the publication in general. **Be sure to include the URL of the article** so I can see what you saw.

- What was the piece about? What was the point of satire?
- How was satire used to make its point?
- Do you think it was successful as a piece of satire?
- Was there anything you didn't like about it?

Next, I'd like you to think about what kind of satirical college publication (print or online) you would like to be the editor of. Consider the following questions.

- What would be the editorial goal of your publication?
- What are some of the subjects you would focus on?
- What kind of staff would you like to have working with you? What would be their qualifications?
- What would be your editorial guidelines, if any, for what you would consider out of bounds?
- How would you handle complaints: from other students? from faculty? from the administration?
- What would be the name (and slogan if you had one) of your publication?

Submit your response on Canvas by 8:00 a.m. the day it is due. Also, print out your response and bring it to class for discussion. Even if you don't get a chance to talk (or don't particularly want to), what you turn in will count as an important part of your grade.

**A word about format:** It may be easier for you if you address the questions by listing the provided prompts as sub-heads along with your responses; however, as long as you cover the prompts, a good essay format is fine as well. It all depends on your preference, not mine. I'm okay with either.

