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## THE 'SHEET GOES ROGUE: OUR NEW POLICY REGARDING ANONYMITY

Dear readers of the 'Sheet,

I am writing to you all today intending to announce something we as a staff have thought and deliberated over with great care and consideration (shocking, I know) but are also very excited about.

The Bullsheet, from here on out, will be making the transition to the publishing of anonymous articles. I'll get to exactly how that's going to work in a minute- hear us out first.

Zach, Jay and I had the privilege of sitting down for an interview with a former Managing Editor, class of 2002 (look out for that interview coming later this week) prompting us to think critically about the 'Sheet's role on campus and how true we have stayed to its original, core purpose. That purpose being to provide an avenue for students, and the Denison community at large to freely debate, discuss, and most importantly, satirize this weird little world on the hill and the things that make it so, so damn weird. We feel that goal can most adequately be met when there is the freedom for students to be able to speak their minds without fear of retribution, termination of employment, or just plain judgment.

Here's an important distinction: the Bullsheet will *never* accept anonymous *submissions*. I.e. We cannot run anything that does not come from a verifiable, @denison.edu email address.

If you were to submit something to us with the desire to remain anonymous, your identity will remain known *only to our editors*. This requires a lot of trust on y'all's part, but I can assure you: every editor on this staff is committed to the confidentiality required for this system to work. We will not, at any point, relay the identity of someone who has submitted a piece and wishes to remain anonymous to **anyone** outside of our editorial staff unless we believe they are at risk of harming themselves or someone else, or if we are legally subpoenaed (lol IMAGINE). I don't know the specifics of how and when the the administration can go into our emails, but I imagine it's a sound possibility, so be mindful and don't self-incriminate. If you submit a piece to us and wish to have it published anonymously, you **must explicitly ask us to do so**. Otherwise, we will assume the default and run the piece with your name attached to it.

Additionally, the Bullsheet always has and always will hold editorial discretion over what we deem appropriate or inappropriate to run in the 'Sheet. There will **never** be room for hate speech or personal attacks in the Bullsheet, and that will never change. We maintain the right to choose what we do and do not run and make these decisions on a case-by-case basis.

We as a staff are very excited about returning to the tradition of the Bullsheet, as we feel it will enrich our content with as many voices, arguments, and bad jokes possible.

Thanks for reading the 'Sheet. If this new policy implores you to submit, you know where to find us ;) ([bullsheet@denison.edu](mailto:bullsheet@denison.edu))

For more on the "legality" of this decision per our interpretation of our organization's constitution, flip to the back for some words from Senior Writer Jay Huff.

Sincerely,  
Jax Preyer, Managing Editor

# “WAIT, CAN THEY DO THAT?” OUR CONSTITUTIONAL INTERPRETATION

After substantial review of the Bullsheet’s constitution, the staff have concluded that anonymously printed works are not only permissible but integral to the goals of our publication. This is not a new phenomenon, but rather a return to the Bullsheet’s form prior to a 1996 (condemned) misstep by a past editorial board.

Here is the relevant section of the constitution:

## Section 2: Anonymous Submissions

(A) The Bullsheet, as a general rule, does not allow anonymous submissions. All content submitted to The Bullsheet must, as per Article IV, Section 1, Subpoint A, be from a verifiable source. Given that, all submissions must either be signed with the submitter’s name or a valid Slayter box number.

Previous staff members have interpreted the rule above to apply to the final, printed work which is delivered daily. This means that any work published by the Bullsheet is signed with a name or a Slayter box number. After careful review and an assessment of our organizational goals, we have recognized that this interpretation is misinformed for the following reasons.

There exists a distinction between submissions and printed works.

A submission is a piece of writing sent to the Bullsheet’s staff (usually via email) by a Denison community member, e.g. faculty, staff, alumni, students, etc. The source of these submissions must be verifiable for liability and accountability purposes, and therefore cannot be anonymous. For this reason we cannot allow emailed or otherwise transmitted anonymous submissions.

A printed work, however, needn’t be attached to one’s name, likeness, Slayter Box number, or any other means of identifying the author. Instead, a member of the community can email the Bullsheet staff and request their piece be published under an agreeable pseudonym or simply “- Anonymous”. We feel that the protection offered by anonymity gives freedom from persecution and retaliation to those who are writing from vulnerable positions (e.g. sexual assault survivors, poorly treated workers, controversial opinions). Should an anonymously printed work garner backlash or be found to target members of a community, the responsibility falls upon the editor who decided to publish that piece.

Additionally, we expect that enhanced creative freedom will be enjoyed by members of the community as a result of this change, because any person who has hesitated and/or failed to submit a funny paragraph or silly complaint for fear of judgement in their classrooms or dining halls will now enjoy the right to anonymity. We feel that members of our community will be freed from restraint to contribute towards ongoing dialogue regarding any number of topics without fear of targeted persecution or simple judgements from their peers.

The Bullsheet staff recognize that, while anonymously printed works shield community members from general judgement, we as staff members must still verify the source of all submissions and therefore will know the names and positions of those who request for their works to be printed anonymously. Consequently, there is a burden of responsibility for each and every member of the Bullsheet staff to never, for any reason -- barring subpoena from a court of law -- reveal the identity of an author whose piece has been published anonymously. This burden applies even in the case of request by our university’s administration.

If you, our reader, do not feel comfortable trusting your identity with us, the staff, please know that we understand and encourage you to submit your work elsewhere.

*-Jay Huff, Senior Writer*



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