



The importance of a print newspaper

MMU is lucky to have news you can hold

I may be editor-in-chief of this paper now (which, WOW!), but the former opinion editor in me couldn't let this year's orientation issue pass by without an opinion column! While I have many, many opinions, there's one in particular that I feel should be highlighted in our this

have a long and storied history in the United States, and they give students a chance to have a voice both on their campuses and in their communities. Mount Mercy is lucky to have "The Mount Mercy Times" as a print paper, as many college campuses have either

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issue – the importance of student journalism and a free press.

Freedom of the press is, of course, protected by the Constitution's very first amendment. I sometimes think the Founding Fathers decided to include the press in the First Amendment because they recognized it was a super important right for Americans to have – the right

to information, and the right to say (and print) what you want to.

Of course, sometimes when people think of "the press," they think of big-

lost their papers altogether or have gone completely digital.

Every year I've been in college, I read somewhere that another campus is changing up their paper. The most recent change I can remember hap-

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As student-run paper, the Times aims to be an outlet for students, and to hold the university accountable for its decisions. If you would like to contribute to our award-winning newspaper,

name newspapers like "The New York Times" or "The Washington Post."

Many people don't think of college newspapers like the one you're reading now. But they should!

College newspapers

opened on a campus much larger than ours – Illinois State University (the alma mater of one of my favorite people, hi, Amanda!) recently digitalized their long-standing print paper, "The Vidette."

per and help to make an impact on the Hill we call home, please reach out to times@mtmercy.edu, or contact me personally at jveasey3487@mtmercy.edu.