

THE MANEATER

CAMPUS ISSUES COLUMN

Please return completed applications to Nassim Benchaabane in G216 Student Center or by email to nssmben@gmail.com, by 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 4.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Columnists are responsible for producing one approximately 600-word opinion piece to appear in The Maneater's Forum section each week. Columns should be well researched, identifiable with readers, and have a concrete point. Columns are due by 9 p.m. two days prior to publication. Hired columnists also must provide three backup columns to be published at any date. The editorial board will collectively determine decisions regarding the hiring of columnists.

The organizations and communities at MU function to improve campus, work toward common goals and fundamentally provide social platforms to unite people in their differences. Being that The Maneater is the student voice of MU, it would be incomplete not to have just that: a student voice to raise critical questions about conduct of the student body, the university and its sub-divisions. As campus issues columnist, it will be your job to start conversations about the things that affect students in their daily lives.

QUESTIONS

1. Do you have any prior or current involvement with campus organizations, minority organizations, Greek Life or otherwise? If so, what have been your highlights, and how might your involvement inform your column topics?
2. Fill in the rest of the quote: An average MU student would identify your column by saying, "Oh yeah, that's the one that..."
3. What topics would you not touch with a ten-foot pole?
4. How do you balance being edgy and fun to read without crossing the line? Is there a line to cross?
5. How would you help readers identify with the opinions in your column?
6. You'd be writing one column each week for the entire semester. How do you keep coming up with issues/topics to write about without running dry?
7. Why does The Maneater need a campus issues columnist if the Forum section already includes editorials whose content is often relevant to campus issues?
8. What makes MU the community it is? What's the most unique thing about MU?
9. What experience do you have speaking your mind on controversial issues?
10. You publish a column. What do you expect the effects of your column to be?

ATTACHMENTS

Please attach:

1. Your name, e-mail address and telephone number

2. Two sample columns, about 600 words in length, each about a recent campus issue you believe is important to the MU community

3. A short paragraph about you, including, but not limited to, your year, major(s) and why you decided to be a columnist for The Maneater

The Maneater does not discriminate in its hiring process on the basis of age, sex, race, color, religion, mental or physical disability, national origin, veteran status, gender identity or sexual orientation.