

JHN 122-6

This course is a continuation of Newswriting & Reporting I with the emphasis on improving the student's writing style. Most of the assignments involve covering news stories outside the College,, These may include covering city council, interviewing individuals in the news covering inquests, as well as general news and feature assignments.

The City Editor of the Sault Daily Star, Homer Foster, will meet with the class for two hours each week. During this time he will discuss a particular type of news assignment and students will be given stories to write related to this area.

Students are expected to produce copy in acceptable style following the format outlined in the Canadian Press Style Book. Copy is evaluated on its suitability for publication, and unsatisfactory stories may be returned to the student for rewriting.

Students are continually being evaluated on the basis of the stories they produce. All major assignments must be completed before a student will receive a final grade.

Outline -

Topics covered in this course include:

- 1) INQUESTS. What are they and how are they treated? Examination of samples and an assignment* to cover the next scheduled inquest.

- 2) FEATURE WRITING. A review of the principles of feature writing. Assignment to cover one (or more) of the events held during the Bon Soo Winter Carnival. Students will also meet with the publicity chairman for the Carnival and prepare an advance story*
- 3) INDUSTRIAL NEWS. Examination of various types of stories. Discussion with a reporter on how stories are handled. Fact sheet assignments.
- k) LABOR NEWS.. Examination and discussion of stories« Interview (press conference) with the president of Local 2251. *
- 5) COVERING SPEECHES. The advance story, preparation, notes and quotes, the lead, organizing the story. Writing practice*
- 6) MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT. Organization of the city – various boards and agencies. Interview with city official (city clerk).
- 7) SENIOR LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. Discussion of responsibilities. Interview with Cyril Symes, MP«
- 8) CONSUMER REPORTING. Examination and discussion of various stories. Interview with local Human Rights Officer, Anita Dahlin.
- 9) INTRODUCTION TO EDITING & LAYOUT. Basic principles involved, some of the problems, Assignment to layout a typical page based on a page from the Sault Star»
- 10) CITY COUNCIL. How Council works and how it is covered. Discussion with a Sault Star reporter regularly assigned to City Council. Assignment?to cover a regular meeting of Council.

- 11) TRAVEL WRITING. Examination and discussion of various stories. Assignment- to prepare a travel feature on an area of the student's choice,
- 12) PUBLIC RELATIONS. What it is and what it does. Relationship with the reporter! ^Press releases. Assignment- Rewriting typical release material.
- 13) NEWS STAFF ASSIGNMENT. Students assigned to various news beats in the city with copy due at 10:30 the next morning. Guest from the Sault Star to evaluate the copy* *
- 14) WRITING PRACTICE. A-number of writing labs are arranged fckKexgxxi throughout the semester where stuie n s have an opportunity to have copy evaluated by reporters or editors working in the local media.