

Young journalists grasp meaning of First Amendment

BY JOHN JARVIS / My 26-year journalism career has led to a collection of Facebook friends who either have been, or still are, in the same line of work. Because of this, I came across a post on a friend's Facebook page a few days ago that grabbed my attention – and the attention of some of my former co-workers, too. My friend's post noted that the student newspaper at Oklahoma University, the Oklahoma Daily, ran an editorial Oct. 3 titled "KKK rallies shouldn't be allowed." The lead paragraph reads: "A Maryland-based Ku Klux Klan group planned to rally at Gettysburg National Military Park on October 5. It's mind-boggling that KKK groups still have the audacity and will to exist in today's society, but what's more surprising is the fact that they were granted a special permit to hold an event there." The editorial goes on to say that "the KKK should not be allowed to hold rallies for a number of reasons," including the KKK's history of hate crimes against blacks and certain religious groups.